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INDEPENDENT SONS OF HONOR HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICES

LOUISVILLE CUBS TO PLAY THIS CITY

Closing of the City School a Very Creditable Affair—Miss Silvey's Birthday Party a Social "Hit"—Mrs. Saffell Passes Embalmer's Examination.

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Frankfort, Ky., Special.

The Independent Sons of Honor had their annual thanksgiving sermon at St. John's M. E. Church, Sunday, April 28, at 2 o'clock p. m. This was the largest crowd that has ever assembled in the city to witness such an occasion. The M. E. Church is the largest in the city, with a seating capacity of about a thousand. All the chairs from the Odd Fellows' Hall were brought in, and still there were not enough seats. Many were standing on the outside. The I. S. H. is composed of the best men of the city, and the strongest fraternal organization. We should look to them with pride and glory in their ambition, for their honest endeavor is to push the wheels of progress higher. We have many lodges of royal wealth, for which credit is due the white man. The Independent Sons of Honor stand out preeminent among them all as a concrete foundation laid by the brains of a Negro, and we hope and pray that they will ever stand as the famous rock of Gibraltar. Every young colored boy who is a member of this lodge or whose intentions are to become a member, can always have the pride and honor to know that he is on the foundation built by one of the noble sons of Ham. The order rendered the following program: Organ voluntary; opening hymn; invocation by the pastor; selection by the choir; song and prayer by chaplain; essay, Brother Jordan; duet, Dr. Wolfork and Miss Tucker; solo, Dr. Wolfork; opening address, Moses Dale; introduction of the order to the pastor by the president; sermon, Rev. W. E. Spillman; remarks, collection and closing hymn, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," with an everlasting motto, "Faith, Hope and Charity." Committee on finance, A. Spencer, Shall Davis and Hall Boone; committee on program, Philip Taylor and John Wolfork; ushers, Wm. Davis, Lee Wilson and Henry Pleasant, president of St. Luke Lodge, No. 14, of which every colored person should be proud.

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The Louisville Cubs, a crack baseball team, will make a dash at the Normal Institute boys. The Cubs have been very successful, but if they don't watch out they will go down in defeat here. They will find they will not have such easy sailing up here; they will be made to think they are in "Chi," the Windy City.

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The public school closing of Shelbyville has been sanctioned by the white press of that city and those who have been looking out for the interests of the school. The valiant work done by the standard-bearer, Prof. Geo. W. Saffell, a former Frankfort man, is greatly appreciated. He is a progressive leader of the people at Shelbyville. Prof. Saffell has five assistant teachers. One of the most appreciative audiences that ever assembled were present April 18 and 19, at the Crescent Theater, to witness the commencement exercises, and during that week the school room doors were open to visitors. The exhibit of industrial work was exceptionally good, and included both plain and fancy work. Samples of kindergarten work, free-hand and copy drawing, domestic science, which included cooking and sewing, paper cutting, weaving and raffia work, were special features. The cooking department served luncheon on Wednesday. The above departments have been added to the school since Prof. Saffell took charge. He is now at the Springs for his health. The various departments of this school were built with subscriptions secured by Prof. Saffell, assisted by the Women's Improvement Club. Much credit is due the principal and teachers for their year's work.

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Miss Luticha Silvey gave a very picturesque birthday party at the residence of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Silvey, on Normal Heights, Frankfort. Forty blushing young maids with escorts were present. The dining room table was decorated very artistically with flowers. The birthday cake was in the center of the table, with eighteen candles around it, and laid between ribbon extending to two glass cases with pink carnations and white lilacs in each. Hand-painted palm leaves on souvenir cards were presented, bearing a description of the young lady's birthday. The dining room and parlor were thrown open in one room, and a magnificent afternoon was enjoyed by those present. Misses Lucile Allen and Sarah Washington, of Midway, were present. Many handsome presents were received by Miss Silvey.

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Mrs. Daisy Saffell, of Shelbyville, is the first colored woman in Kentucky to pass an examination in embalming and receive a license to practice in the State. Mrs. Saffell has the finest hearse of any colored person in this business in the State. It is ornamented with hand work. She is secretary of the State Embalming Association, which will meet in this city in June. Mrs. Saffell is a graduate of the Normal Institute, and took a special course in music at Fisk University, and for several years taught school and music; but after years of toil, she saw the great necessity of her people in business. She then went to Cincinnati, took a course in embalming and graduated with high honors. She met a great obstacle when she came back in Kentucky. The law forbids any one a license to practice in Kentucky until in business for three years. She aibded by that law and is now doing business under the laws of the State. Mrs. Saffell, with all her beauty and affection, which might make many of our people haughty, has by her sweet manner of treatment gained the love and respect of the lowest and the highest of our people. She is engaged in church and club work, and anything that pertains to the upbuilding of our people. Her establishment is located on Clay street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

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Miss Minnie B. Whittiker, a popular young lady, assisted in ornamenting the Independent Hall for a grand affair, to take place there Monday night, for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church.

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The Dark Club No. 3 of the Clay Street Baptist Church met at Mrs. Daisy Saffell's Friday night.

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Mrs. Annie Goodman, who has been very ill, on Tenth street, is able to sit up.

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Mr. Wm. Baxter will be the regular correspondent of The Freeman at Shelbyville. He was appointed by Hardin Tolbert. Saffell & Saffell's undertaking establishment will be the headquarters for The Freeman. Both phones 382. Send all articles there for publication. Mr. Baxter, correspondent.

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Mrs. S. E. Phillips, a popular and attractive young lady of Charleston, W. Va., spent a few weeks in the city, the guest of her husband, Mr. Phillips, who is the head cook at the Frankfort Hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, who left here a few years ago for St. Louis, to make it their home, have returned here to live.

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Messrs. W. H. Lewis and Sam Coward, two popular young men of Louisville, spent Sunday in Shelbyville.

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Lawyer D. L. Bonner, of Louisville, passed through the city, en route to Louisville from Lexington, on legal business.

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Misses Mary L. Tuner and Emma Curry, of Winchester, passed through the city, en route to Louisville.

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Miss Mamie B. Clay, of Lexington, passed through the city, en route to Louisville.

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Rev. W. T. Silvey is having great success with his revival. Men and women are coming up each night and confessing their sins. Rev. Silvey is expecting to take in a hundred souls in this whirlwind revival. There was never such interest manifested in a revival as is now manifest at the First Baptist Church.

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Your correspondent will tour the State, organizing a Freeman News Bureau and writing up cities, progressive church workers and business people. He spent two days in Shelbyville, writing up the city and appointing agents to handle The Freeman.

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The Uniform Rank of the Independent Sons of Honor is considered one of the best in the State. The headquarters are at Shelbyville. Company C, and many of the nearer towns were present with a large delegation at the annual services Sunday.

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Mrs. Annie Rucker is among the energetic women who are actively engaged in business. Mrs. Rucker is proprietor of an excelelnt soda water fountain on Tenth street, and in the rear she conducts a restaurant, where many of the boys and girls assemble to enjoy some of the luxuries of life. Mrs. Rucker has some very fine looking girls, who are delightful in their manner of serving the guests.

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We note again that the ladies have the industrial spirit. Mrs. Hattie Thurman is proprietor of a first-class restaurant on Tenth and High street, where you can always get the hospitality of Kentucky in the most artistic manner, and the politeness is just the same to all. You can find everything arranged in the modern style. Mrs. Thurman is known all over the city as a straightforward, upright business woman.

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The baptizing at the Clay Street Baptist Church, Sunday, was a beautiful scene. Seven young ladies and three young men marched through the streets to Clear creek. The girls were dressed in white, and gracefully marched into the water as the people sang melodious hymns from the banks of the creek. Rev. W. M. Brown, pastor of the church, conducted the baptismal services.

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Mrs. Geo. E. Hawkins, of Chicago, arrived in the city, escorted by her little son, Master George. Mrs. Hawkins is a soprano vocalist, and formerly of Columbus, O., where she sang in the Second Baptist Church choir. While in Chicago she has been taking an active part in the Oliver Baptist Church. While in the city she will give a song recital at the First Baptist Church. She is the guest of her mother-in-law.

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Mr. Wilber Brown is the proprietor of the best colored pool room in Kentucky. It is located on Clay street. Mr. Brown runs his pool room on a high basis. It is a place where any young man can invite his friends in for a few minutes of pleasure, where he would not be held up for his money. Mr. Brown has four nice tables and runs an up-to-date house. He also has a nice barber shop. Mr. Louisville, if you are a "Missourian," that is all right.

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Mrs. S. L. Smith, whose maiden name was Miss Morgan, a former Frankfort girl, is competing with the enterprising Shelbyvillites. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the Normal Institute, and has held responsible positions as teacher. She is one of the assistants of Prof. G. W. Saffell in the public school, and has taught at Lancaster and Williamsburg. Mrs. Smith's was the first colored family in the county to have electric lights in a house built by them. She is secretary of the Sunday school at the Clay Street Baptist Church and treasurer of the Bible class. Mrs. Smith is among those Normalites who was not taught prejudice along the religious line. She can feel contented in the Lord's house wherever the duties of a Christian spirit might call her. Mrs. Smith is organist at the A. M. E. Church, of which Rev. Averal is pastor.

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Mr. Ennis Redden, one of Shelbyville'es most worthy sons, who is making good among his own people, is proprietor of the best grocery and the largest supply store run by a colored man. He has in connection with his grocery a neatly equipped restaurant, with the best service. Shelbyvill is always glad to extend her hands to her most worthy and progressive sons and welcome them into her territory. She has ever been and will continue to be loyal to those who manifest interest in themselves. Mr. Redden is located in the building of the Independent Sons, on the corner of Fourth and Clay streets, and he is a very young man.

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When you think of Jack Johnson's big smile and that left uppercut that has never failed, then you may think of Mr. David L. Rucker, a prominent barber at Shelbyville, who has those similar features. "Dave," he is called where the boys of Eminence, Christianburg and Bagdad, and other towns, come for miles and wait for hours to get that Jack uppercut hair cut and Johnson big smile shave. Many of the chairs are at times idle. The barber asks the boys, "Will you have something," and the reply is, "I am waiting—waiting for Dave." Mr. Rucker has a host of friends, both among white and colored people. He has a very desirable location for his work on the corner of Sixth and Clay streets. He is among those who are making good.

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Dr. F. B. Hawkins, an excellent young man, sought a firm foundation to battle with life's great problems. Dr. Hawkins is a graduate of the State Univeresity of Louisville and the Louisville National Medical College, which is considered one of the best Negro colleges in the South. Many of its graduates are out making progress and paving the way for others, by their good works and examples. Dr. Hawkins is State secretary of the Odd Fellows and an active worker in the church, and very popular among all of the people. He has a nice horse and buggy and a boy to attend to them, and an office girl to keep his books. Dr. Hawkins is the only colored physician there, and he has a very large field to work, and amid some of the most loyal people the State has. If there is any progress to be had in Kentucky, the colored people of Shelbyville will have their share. You sometimes hear the bad side of life down there by reading from yellow journal reports, but these are things just as they exist.

NEWS OF EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Edna Mayfield, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. S. G. Johnson....Miss Blanche Nichols spent Saturday in Lebanon....Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, of Lebanon, spent Sunday in Madison, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Graham....Miss Alberta Harding is teaching in Lovejoy in the place of Miss Butler, who was called to Mound City, to be at the bedside of her father....The Knights of Pythias and the Courts of Calanthe will have their annual sermon next Sunday at the Macedonian Baptist church....Teachers and truant officers will be appointed May 6..Mr. Clifford Turner, the popular rural letter carrier, is enjoying his vacation in this city......The Elite Club has their dancing academy open every Sunday and Thursday evenings....The Odd Fellows will begin the building of their hall next week....Adress Morris will visit Mrs. S. G. Johnson on his vacation....Messrs. Ike Williams and Ran Howard are sojourning in West Baden springs for their health....The remains of Mrs. Delia Lyons were carried to Metropolis, Ill., for burial. Mrs. John Jefferson accompanied the family....The Knights and Daughters of Tabor will go to Alton, Ill., in a body next Sunday to lay the corner-stone..Miss Geneva Colby, who has taught a very successful term in Verdigis, Okla., has returned....Mr. C. B. Brown met with a painful accident last Saturday....Mrs. Berlina Cunningham has returned to Chicago....Mrs. Sallie Johnson entertained Mrs. Alice Gibbs and Mrs. Katie Crosby, of Cairo, Ill., who is the state grand princess of Illinois....Gus Burget, formerly an employe of the city hall, has opened a cafe....The night school closed last Tuesday evening......Miss Asceola Osbourne has returned to Chicago....Mrs. Rollna Watson, of Bloomington, is in the city and St. Louis.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

State Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince Lecturing to Knights and Calanthias.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

State Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince is lecturing to the Knights and Calantheans of Texas on new methods of the orders. He is stirring them right and left. His lecture here last Thursday night, at St. James A. M. E. Church, was a new brand of Pythianism to all who heard it. The theme was "Explaining Things," and he more than did some explaining to the satisfaction of those who heard him....Since the court has appointed a receiver some of the directors and depositors are trying to get the court to rescind the order. Many are the questions daily being asked. It looks somewhat shady just now for somebody. "Can this be done?" is also asked. Others say, "Not on your life," until it is shown where some of that $15,000, unaccounted for, has gone, and for what purpose it was used. Hundreds of patrons are anxiously waiting....The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows' annual thanksgiving services will be held at Mount Rose Baptist Church, Sunday, May 12. Local committees are now busy on the exercises....Dr. A. L. King is holding a reunion at Galilee Baptist Church, corner of Mungar avenue and McCoy street. In the church rally they raised $47.70, Sunday week....The Allens Daughters entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baggby, 1416 Marsilla street, last Tuesday. A neaet sum was realized....Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nixon have moved to their former home, Palestine....Little Miss Myrtle Scott is visiting relatives in Wagoner, Okla., for the summer....Mr. Thomas Hooper is in Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, and it is reported here that he is much improved.....Mrs. W. E. Ewing and children have returned home from Austin, where they spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends....The residence of Mrs. Mollie Nash, together with the contents, was burned last Friday morning, about 3 o'clock. It was partly covered by insurance....Mrs. Mary Scott is now prepared to serve your wants in lunches and cold drinks, day and night, at her cottage home, 1507 Jackson street....If you fail to get The Freeman or the postman doesn't leave it, when you have paid for it to come to you, see J. G. Griffin, at 2922 Cochran street, and he will locate the cause at once. He wants your business at all times, and will treat you right.....Mr. Luke Daniels, the king pleasure promoter, is soon to spring a surprise on everybody here....Mrs. A. E. Overton is home from her school, which closed for this term. Her mayn city friends extend to her a cordial welcome....Miss Bessie Wilburn made a business trip to Paris, and on her return brought Miss Ethel Payne with her, who will remain indefinitely....Mrs. Griffin Allen is visiting relatives in Texarkana, Ark....A new enterprise for the race, at 2207 Elm street, is Excelsior Shop No. 2, equipped with all the latest furnishings for baths for gentlemen and ladies; an up-to-date shooting gallery in connection, where every one can try his skill at the targets. W. E. Ewing, proprietor.....Hoggie Lewis and Chas. Cooper is a pair to draw to on South Jefferson street, while Wm. Simmons and Wm. Defrow, Davis Gregg, Edwards, Jr., and Sowders are busy on North Central avenue, trying to beat it.....We are glad to inform our many readers that the following sick members of the race here are on the road to recovery: Mrs. Armsted Jackson, Mrs. Lillian Duty, Will Craig, Henry Lacey, Berry Locus and Elihu Mason....Mr. Thomas J. Scott is in St. Louis at the bedside of his son, Leon, who is reported very ill at that place....Mrs. Ben Thomas was called to Grossbeck to the sick room of her grandmother, who is in failing health.....Mrs. J. E. Boyde is improving, after an illness of several months, to the delight of her many friends....The remains of Mr. Albert Lewis were laid to rest last Sunday, from Mount Rose Baptist Church, under the auspices of St. Charles Lodge, Knights of Pythias. We sympathize with the family and friends....These columns are for the masses, first, last and all the time. You are invited to use them when you desire. We invite the opportunity to treat you right in your homes, your business and otherwise.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. G. W. Jones, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church, spoke in the morning and rally day was observed by the Sunday school in the afternoon. Carl Watkins, of Decatur, superintendent of adult Bible classes, was present at the Sunday school exercises. Mr. Watkins spoke of the normal class that had been organized at Decatur Sunday school, which has proved a success. The result of his lecture was that they organized a normal class here in the Sunday school. In the evening, the Baraca Philathea chorus gave a program, including among the other songs, some of those sung at theEaster concert.....Misses Grace Mileam, Allie Moore, Sarah Wilson, Vesta and Louise Lewis were entertained to a delightful repast at the home of Mrs. Brewers, 1202 Main street, Urbana.....Misses Grace Mileam and Allie Moore were greatly surprised last week at the home of Miss Mileam. Miss Hattie Harris proved herself as a competent hostess....Mrs. A. A. Gaines and her daughters, of Broadlands, were in Champaign Wednesday, April 24....Mr. Leroy oJnes, of Gibson City, was in Champaign, April 23 and 28th....The Philathea class met at the home of Mrs. B. J. Woodruff, April 29th, to reorganize....Miss Eva Jackson, a senior of the University of Illinois, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Decatur, Ill., with the class of high school administration, inspecting the Decatur High school....Mrs. Christine Johnson was ill, but has improved....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, Champaign, Ill., by Z. L. Breedlove. Your patronage is solicited....Mrs. Lida Bolin is ill....Mr. C. E. Phillips, of Monticello, was in Champaign Sunday....Mrs. Jordan Johnson departed for Madisonville, Ky., last week to visit relatives and friends....There was a dance given at Oldman's Hall, in Urbana, Ill., Thursday evening, April 25, by the Monarch Club. Johnson's Orchestra furnished the music. A very enjoyable evening was spent....The Household of Ruth gave an entertainment at Mrs. Anthony Johnson's home, 22 North Hickory street, for the benefit of the lodge. Miss Merrill Chrisman was chairman....Saturday morning, at 9:30, the Sophomore Law School baseball club beat the Sophomore L. and A., the score being 21 to 4. The Laws showed to be stronger and better from the start, making six runs in the first. Horace A. Taylor, colored student, starred all through the game. His batting was the prime feature. In the first inning, with the bases full, Taylor poled out a three-bagger and scored by stealing home....Clarence Harris, who was operated on for scrofula, is improving....The board of editors that are going to get out a church year book met Monday night at Mr. F. J. Jordan's barber shop and discussed the plans that they will work on. They are going to get together and begin work immediately. Following are the officers: Z. L. Breedlove, chief editor; Horace A. Taylor, Thomas Jackson, C. W. Nicholson, associate editors; F. J. Jordan and Herman Wheeler, business managers....Mr. Neil Person, who was lately operated on in Danville, is up again.

MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. J. H. Haywood, the music teacher, is in the city and has organized a band of sixteen pieces; more needed....Miss Alice Grundy returned from Ringgold, La., last week where she has been teaching for some months....Mrs. L. C. Brown's school closed last week....Mr. Frank Williams, of Hope, Ark., formerly of Marshall, was married to Miss Fannie Maud Bradley, Thursday night, April 25th, at the parsonage of the C. M. E. church, by Rev. W. F. Simon....Miss Addie Powell returned last week from Oklahoma City, where she has been teaching....Mr. Lue Hudson, of New Orleans, is in the city, visiting his wife and her parents, Prof. and Mrs. S. S. Reid.....A union Sunday school picnic is being planned for some time in the early summer......Mr. Will Dunn, fireman at the Taylor Lumber Company, was very badly burned Saturday, by some part of the boiler bursting. He is now in the city hospital....The axe man is the latest talk in town now....Mr. Joe Brown went to Dallas Saturday night....Mr. G. R. Newman, who has been sick in the Sheppard sanitarium, is able to be out again......Dr. G. F. Coleman has moved to his new home on Sanford street, in West Marshall....Read The Freeman. On sale every Saturday at Leveston's barber shop....Mr. Jno. Bell has returned from Nashville, where he has been studying medicine in Maharry Medical College.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE HOLDS AN IMPORTANT MEETING

COLOR LINE DRAWN ON AN ELEVATOR

Opening of the Henry Watterson Hotel Marks an Epoch in Hoteldom—Rev. M. C. Hayford, of Africa, a Guest in the City—Avondale Club Entertains.

By Lee L. Brown,

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Negro Business League held an important meeting last Friday night, at the Public Library, and a number of very important questions were discussed. A number of new members were enroleld. A gentleman engaged in the poultry business addressed the audience on the poultry business. This league has a great work before it. We have a number of business men in this city who are ever on the alert to do something that will have a tendency to boost the Negro enterprises. The trouble that seems to exist is that it is a hard matter to get a number of our business men together to discuss important subjects that would serve to boost their business. Let us be up and doing, men; this is the electrical age.

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Quite a deal of complaint has gone out on account of the treatment of the elevator conductors towards colored people in the New Realty building, at Center and Jefferson street. Quite a number who applied to be carried to the second floor, to the Metropolitan office, were directed to the steps. Your correspondent took the matter up with Mr. Oliver Brown, the superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company. Mr. Brown assured us that he would see at once that the matter be corrected. Mr. Brown assured us that his company was in no way responsible for the condition existing. We do not believe that this trouble will occur any more.

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The great Henry Watterson Hotel, scheduled to open on Monday, April 29, was the center of attraction on the opening day; for many hours crowds stood on the streets watching the men rushing here and there in order that the hotel would be in readiness at the appointed hour. This magnificent hotel, which is said to be the finest in the entire South, was filled Monday evening with hundreds of admiring friends, who wandered to and fro, admiring the mural and floral decorations and congratulating the manageres. The hotel is situated on the north side of Walnut street, near Fourth. It is constructed of steel, stone and concrete, is ten stories high, containing 250 rooms. Mahogany is used in the furnishings from top to bottom. The majority of the help in the house is colored. Mr. Chas. Cypress, a well-known Louisville boy, has charge of the bellboys. The boys are dressed in very appropriate uniforms. Mr. William Mathias, who at one time served as second waiter at the Seelbach, has returned to the city as headwaiter in this magnificent hotel. Mr. Mathias, who is indeed a very polished gentleman, has been very busy before coming, recruiting the best waiters in Chicago for the Henry Watterson. He is to be congratulated for the very fine looking and competent men, who are giving perfect satisfaction at the hotel. The three captains who are serving under the headwaiter have worked in some of the finest hotels in the United States. They are Messrs. P. A. Freeman, who served for about four years as captain in the Tiptop Inn in Chicago; Thos. Schucks, well known in Louisville, and John Eubanks, who has a wide experience as a waiter, having served in some of the finest hotels in the country. The other waiters are first-class in every respect. It has been the custom heretofore in Louisville to have white waiters in the rathskeller; not so with the Henry Watterson; all of the waiters are colored.

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Rev. Mark C. Hayford, a very prominent minister, from Gold Coast, Africa, is in the city, the guest of Rev. C. H. Parrish, 847 South Sixth street. Tuesday morning he conducted the chapel exercises at the Southern Baptist Theological College, located on Broadway, near Fifth street. He preached at Calvary Baptist Church, Wednesday evening. Rev. Hayford played a very prominent part in the recent International Negro Conference, which convened at Tuskegee Institute.

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The newly organized Avondale Club, composed of about forty well-known young men, entertained Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. Skidmore Bloomer, 1514 West Walnut street. We will give a full description of this very unique affair in our next week's news items. Dr. W. H. Pickett served as toastmaster.

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The political warriors are resting on their swords, waiting for something to turn up.

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Mrs. Columbus Johnson is expecting to leave the city this week for Cleveland, O.

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The Ruby Theater is almost completed. It will open Monday night, May 6, with a first-class act direct from New York City. Mr. Robert Joplin is the manager.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minot, of North Dakota, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer during the past week.

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We are very pleased to hear that Dr. Manuel, of the People's Drug Store, is able to be out again. Dr. Manuel has a host of friends, who will be pleased to greet him at his old place again.

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Rev. C. H. Parrish, president of the Eckstein-Norton Institute, has been selected by Governor McCreary as a delegate to the International Sociological Congress, which meets in Nashville, Tenn., in the near future.

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Hon. Augustus E. Willson, former Governor og Kentucky will be the chief speaker next Sunday, April 28th, at the great Mass meeting of the Y. M. C. A. to be held at the New Quinn Chapel Church. Special music will be one of the features.

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Everything is in readiness for the High School spring concert. We understand that this will be one of the best in the history of spring entertainments. The High School boys are getting ready to play ball. They are scheduled to play the Bloomington, Ind., school.

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The Normal Whist Club met at Miss Ella Wilson's, 1935 Cedar street. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Rebecca Guest. The following officers were elected at the Normal Alumni Association: President, Miss Dovie Lee Frazier; vice president, Miss Eddie B. Lee; secretary, Miss Lottie Howser; treasurer, Miss Rachel Steward.

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May 11 will be the opening day of the spring races. All roads will lead to Louisville. The special attraction on the opening day will be the famous classic, the Kentucky Derby, known from one end of the globe to the other. We will say more about this matter at a later date.

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We have not said anything in these columns in reference to the Pythian candidates for a long time. This does not indicate that the matter is quiet. Pythians all over the State are working day and night trying to solve the problem. Meetings are being held behind closed doors; not even a newspaper correspondent is admitted. A number of serious questions are confronting the boys. The slogan seems to be, "Let us have the Pythian Temple."

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The following gentlemen were in the city last Sunday to attend a very important meeting of the Endowment Board of the U. B. F. Lodge. Messers Ed. Glass of Hopkinsville, H. Clarence Russel, Frankfort, Ed. Davis, Georgetown, M. C. LaPrelle, Sharpsburg, W. D. Tardiff, Standford, and Dr. W. S. Ballard, Lexington. The meeting was held at the office of the State Grand Secretary, Mr. Stephen Belle.

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Mrs. Octavia Woods well known to Louisville citizens, who for a long time was connected with the Kentucky Institute for the Blind, was buried last Sunday afternoon from the Fifth Street Baptist Chuch. A very sad incident that occurred at the funeral was the serious illness of Mrs. Cheatham while ateending the funeral services, she was carried home in a serious condition, dying in a few hours, her funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the same church.

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Rev. E. T. Fishback a former Kentuckian was called to the state this week on account of the death of his mother at Winchester. He passed through Louisville Monday night enroute to Wichita, Kan., accompanied by his daughter, Mattie Lee Fishback. Rev. Fishback has pastored quite a number of prominent churches in this state, he is known as one of Kentucky's greatest pulpit orators, he is the only colored member of the Wichita Ministerial Alliance. In recent issue of the Wichita Beacon, a daily published in that city, extracts from a very eloquent sermon delivered by Rev. Fishback is quoted.

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Says the Louisville Evening Post: "Colored people in Louisville bought about $12,000 in the Molly Groves Copper Mining Company. Mr. Groves said that it was his object to make millionaires out of a number of Louisville colored people." Some time ago we sounded a warning to our business and professional men, as we did not believe that they should invest so much money in a concern that had such little assurance for the proper investment of same. We will be frank; we have very little faith in the Molly Groves Mining Company, yet we hope that it will prove all right, since so many of our leading citizens are interested. Of course, we would not like to see them lose.

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In response to our call for Kentuckians who were located in other states to write us their whereabouts, we have received two very interesting letters. The first letter came from one of Uncle Sam's Boys of the 10th U. S. Calvary located at Fort Ethan Allan, Vermont, a Mr. John Mody, he was quick to respond to our call and expressed with what pleasure he read the Louisville notes every week. The second letter came from Mr. George Kemp Vernon of Montreal, Canada, he said that the Dominion of Canada was represented by a number of loyal Kentuckians and that they were on top." He stated that the Canadian Pacific Railroad in its chain of hotels, dining cars and restaurants from Quebec to Vancouver employed over 600 cooks and that he was the only colored cook in the list, and that he held the highest position. Mr. Vernon is the head cook on the royal train of the Governor General of Canada, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught. Let us hear from other Kentuskians who are scattered throughout the country.

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CRESTWOOD, Ky.—On returning from a funeral, accompanied by his son Louis, Benjamin Bratcher was drowned while attempting to ford Floyd's Fork in a surrey. The son also succumbed to the waters. Mr. Bratcher was a prominent member of the Baptist Church and U. B. of F. of that city. He was a very well-known farmer and was very well liked by the community. The funeral procession was three miles in length. He leaves a wife, Josie Bratcher; two daughters, Ethel and Ora; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Patsy McGurder, Mrs. Hettie Williams and Mrs. Georgetta Walton, all of Indianapolis. Mesdames Millie Carter, McGurder, Williams, and Mildred Chowing, of Indianapolis, attended the funeral. The floral tokens were numerous and beautiful. The relatives wish to thank the friends of the family for their consoling words and assistance.

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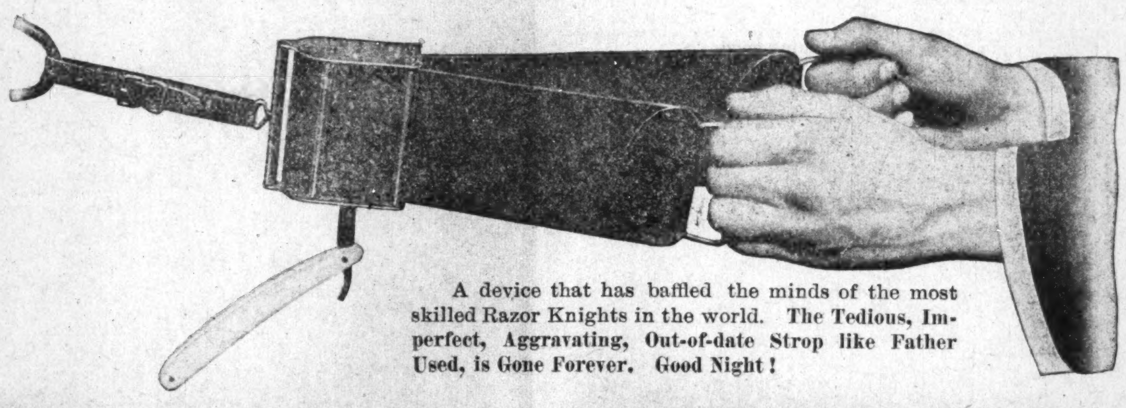

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APPROACHING A. M. E. CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Bishopric Timber Discussed—Rev. Dr. D. P. Roberts Thought to Be Sure of Election—Others Favorably Mentioned.

The election of delegates to the General Conference of the A. M. E. church, which is to convene at Kansas City, Mo., in May, 1911, has progressed so far that already one can discern the presage of what is to be. True, the outlines are dim, the sentiments are not fully formed, but it is clearly to be apprehended that there are stern convictions, ironlike determinations and a fixedness of purpose such as has marked the approach of no general conference since 1880. I do not personally know anything beyond that year of the church.

Those who have reasons to give the matter careful attention know that nearly all of the articles written, or at least those published, lay particular stress upon the demand for a square deal in the administration of the law and of conference affairs, and make a demand not to be mistaken for men as bishops who are just, honest and not tyrants or liars. The conservative Bishop B. F. Lee fractured a rule he has observed as sacred and led even the hot-headed youngsters in giving voice to these sentiments, and did it in a way that all could see that his sentiments rested upon fixed convictions.

It would break every tradition should solid men like Bishop Lee be the leaders of the next General Conference and the orators and demagogues and politicians be relegated to the rear. Since the decline and death of Bishop Payne politicians and orators and demagogues have been rampant.

There are chapters of horrors that could be written about the administrations of some bishops, but the next General Conference will likely be courageous, sane and honest and act in the fear of God and with love for the race, the church as laity and clergy and with wise conceptions of duty as to the future generations.

Of course, the most important thing will be the determination of the number of bishops to be selected and elected and the choice of the men. This is more important than legislation, for the law is simply what the bishop wants it to be in his particular district. There are but two of the bishops about whom any well-voiced complaints have been made as relates to their lack of regard for the law and for truth and right. Such bishops will trample to the dust aspirants for office as delegates and will by hook or crook elect their tools.

Their usual method is to find some of the defects or faults or sins of those whom they wish to crush and to go about sighing over them with all the appearance of sincerity and thus win to their cause the God-fearing brethren, the others they win by devious ways. The men that are thus selected are, as a matter of course, men without manhood or principle and frequently are men whose sins are far more grevious than those concerning whom so much grief is hypocritically mourned forth.

But at Kansas City there may be a reckoning day. There may be an unmasking and long years of deceit, grafting and sin may be exposed. The spirit is in the air in both church and state.

The election in the Iowa Conference was a triumph of justice and right and reflects great credit upon the presiding bishop. During his administration Bishop Shaffer has each year gone further forward along all lines of progress and the district would, from bounds to bounds, gladly welcome his return for the third time.

The Rev. Dr. D. P. Roberts stands as the proclaimed choice of his brethren as their selection for the episcopate. He is at present the pastor of Bethel church, Chicago. To all who have attended recent general conferences he is well known. Hundreds have seen and marked his calm dignity and masterly self-command, when, in the midst of great storms of debate, he has stood for half an hour before the altar with the report of the committee on revision in his hand and waited the command to read. The Rev. S. B. Jones, in a recent article in the Christian Recorder, gave nearly an adequate statement of the estimate made of him by the average brother in the conferences where he has labored. Many know Dr. Roberts in his larger relations to the church and the race.

I believe that he began his labors in Indiana. His course took him to New England, to the great Charles Street church; to Philadelphia, the church made famous by Bishop J. A. Johnson; to St. Paul, St. Louis, to Quinn chapel, Chicago, the church that leaped into glory as a dollar money banner-holder under the great Cary; to Bethel, the church developed by the Rev. Dr. Graham. It is undoubtedly true that he had the good wishes of his bishop in his aspiration to be a delegate and that he had likewise his good wishes in his candidacy for the episcopate. But no one has said, and I do not think that anyone can say, that the bishop has gone past due bounds in either the expression or execution of his good wishes. No one has said that Dr. Roberts has even once made a forward movement in his own behalf; he has simply gone on doing his duty and being kind to all and left the outcome with his brethren. Such men as the genial but forceful Dr. R. E. Wilson have been aggressive in his advocacy. Everyone knows that dignified Bob Wilson goes heart and soul into things or not at all. The election of Dr. A. J. Carey was a matter of course. A conference would feel ashamed at Kansas City were such a man left behind, and it would also be rebuked. Some conferences are sending up tail-enders, the causes for which are so plain that the results are certain.

The election of that prince of pastors, Dr. Horace Graves, is a recognition of the aggressive and capable younger element of the church. I remember when young Graves and Bryant were in rebellion while students at Wilberforce against what they styled an incompetent Latin instructor. They won their cause and Prof. Scarborough was given the chair, and this led on to the presidency for him.

The alternates show the regard the conference has for worth and the recognition it pays to service. The death of any of the delegates would not leave the conference without good representation, as each of the alternates is a man of ability and merit.

Dr. Allen, editor of the Southern Recorder, if endorsed by his State, will be a very strong candidate for the bishopric. The same is true of Dr. Smith, the Smith of Georgia. I mean the well-known Smith with three letters before his last name, not the great bishop whose achievements have beat all records everywhere. Bishop C. S. Smith is clear grit and has triumphed over all of his foes by the simple method of performing great deeds for his church. The valiant brother who led the mob to destroy him was swept into obscurity by a tidal wave of awakened conscience upon the part of his brethren.

Dr. W. W. Beckett has shown a sincere and real interest in the extension and development of his church and an honest love for his churchless people. How can men who do not exert themselves for anything beyond their mere charge expect to be recognized as men who sincerely have the great church at heart? Dr. Beckett has not only administered his office with care and success, but has quietly done many other things which show that with his whole heart he is an earnest A. M. E. churchman.

There are many other things to be said about men and measures, and from time to time I hope to present them.

This series of articles will contain no malice toward any, but will have charity for all, and yet be perfect and fearlessly candid and lay facts bare as required.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.

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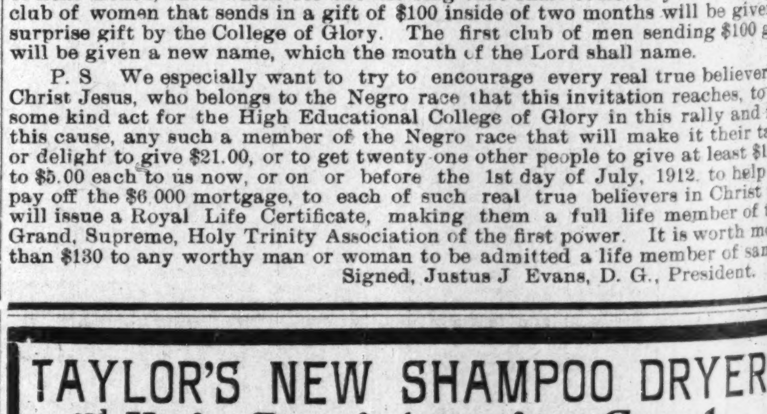

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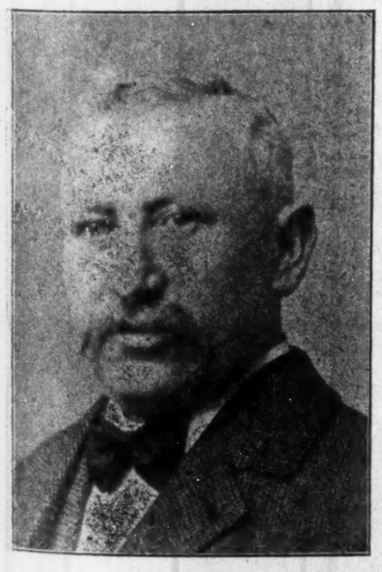

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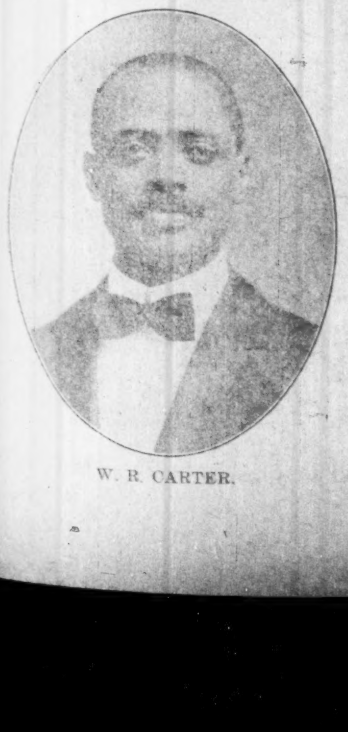

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Not Everyone that Saith to Me, Lord, Lord, Shall Enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; But he that Doeth the Will of My Father, Which is in Heaven—See Matt. 7:22.

BY ARCHBISHOP EVAVS, D. G.

Do YOU want to DO, or help to DO the WILL OF GOD? If so, let me tell you that THIS is the will of God: That the "True Righteous" of the Negro race should UNITE in this generation, in the Grand Supreme Holy Trinity Association, and BUILD THE LORD A TREASURE, at any cost. Therefore, the Grand Supreme Holy Trinity Association (The Supreme Church of Glory), and the True Light Army of this church and Holy Trinity Association, under the direction and leading of Archbishop Justus James Jehu Evans, D. G., the chief head and founder. The association has planned to build a NEW BUILDING for the headquarters of the High Educational College of Glory, which is in character and nature known in Spirit to be and is the Supreme, Divine, Negro, National, Royal, Directoroy of Glory; and at the same time build a Negro National Supreme Christian Treasure building, for the headquarters of the Grand Supreme Holy Trinity Association and the True Light Army and the Church of Glory, United; said building to cost anywhere from $100,000 to $1,000,000. The Grand Supreme Holy Trinity Association, the Church of Glory and the True Light Army, by the will of God, INVITES the honest, the upright, and ALL the true righteous of the whole Negro race, first, to take a part, an ACTIVE PART, in and with this Association of the Holy Trinity, True Lights, in raising the money to speedily erect these buildings unto the Lord of Glory, for the good it shall be unto His people of the Negro race. Such a work must be done by, in, the way the Temple and House of God was builded by King Solomon; that is to say, the builders must be found worthy and the gifts of the worthy must make up the means of the cost of the construction; that it may not be built by blood, or by a people whose hands are bloody.

It will be remembered that God REFUSED to allow King David to build His Royal House and Temple because his hands were not clean—that is, had shed blood. See I Chron., 22d chapter, verses 7 and 8.

I Now Make This Offer.

That every one may see themselves; I say every righteous man and every righteous woman of the Negro or Ethiopian race that will, for God's sake and for the sake of Christ the Lord, and for the sake of the Holy Spirit, and the Negro people, and for the sake of true Christianity everywhere, and for their own sake, volunteer and give to me, as the Chief Master Builder, $21.00 or more, each, THAT to help to build these buildings, that I, in obedience to God, will issue to each of such true, worthy contributors, a Royal Life Membership Certificate, which will both admit and make each of them a full life member of the Grand H. T. Association, which have exclusive control of these buildings, forever and ever, which is incorporated, and known as the Holy and the Grand Supreme Holy Trinity Association of the Negro Race.

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A Voice of Warning.

N. B.—A word of warning, NOW, to the True Righteous. Hear now, O! you people, who are the partakers of God's true righteousness. AWAKE! AWAKE! AWAKE! and put on thy life-saving equipment, for the SHIP, AH! THE GREAT OLD SHIP THAT YOU HAVE BEEN RIDING IN SO LONG IS NOW SINKING! AWAKE! AWAKE!! AWAKE!!! and put on thy STRENGTH, or you SHALL SINK! SINK! SINK!—Sink down to the bottom of the GREAT SEA! HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! O! DO HURRY! for your time is SO SHORT! Ah! it is so short! I, in the name of the Living GOD, TELL you, ONE and ALL, to HURRY! For the GREAT DAY of GOD'S WRATH IS COME, and NONE but the True Righteous shall escape. Lo! I have told you! Awake! Awake! AWAKE! O Sleeper! and enter into this ARK OF REFUGE!

I am that I am,
ARCHBISHOP EVANS, D. G.,
Editor of "The True Light,"
337 W. 41st St., New York.

Holy! Holy!! Holy!!!

SPECIALLY to that part of the Negro race who are not included in the above call, I say this: *If the True Righteous will not answer God*, and I, in this matter, I am authorized by Him to do as the man King, that made a great marriage supper for his son; I will wait until the first day of July, 1912, to see what they will do; if they fail (who call themselves true) to respond quickly and rapidly by that date, *I have a call to make to the worst of sinners*, yet, including the strumpets, the harlots, the low-down gamblers, and the most good-for-nothing men and women that can be found in the Negro race, will then be called by me; and I say to you, now, God will accept you, provided, too, that you, each, will quit your folly and evil ways, at once, and *sanctify yourselves*, and turn with your whole life and soul to the calling of the True Lights, and you, too, shall enter into everlasting habitation; for, now, the Redeemed in Glory are standing before God, crying Holy! Holy! Holy! to God, for not already turning you into Hell for your evil deeds, and if you refuse the call I make to you, to Hell you must go for your willful neglect. I am, JUSTUS J. EVANS.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The annual baaar of the Harmony Club began Monday, April 22, at Benevolent Hall....The McReynolds and Doxey Opera Company played a return engagement at the Park Theater April 22....The Dunbar Literary Society, of the Douglass High School, will render its bi-weekly program Friday....The ladies of the Peerless Club gave an ice cream and popcorn social at the residence of Mrs. H. Francis Jones....The First Baptist May fair will begin on Monday, May 6....Dr. W. J. Weston attended the annual thanksgiving sermon of the K. of P. lodge at Race Creek....Prof. H. Franmis Jones spent Sunday at Race Creek....Miss Mayme V. Kennedy's condition is unimproved....Miss Mattie O'Neal is improving rapidly....Mr. Elijah Lewis is very ill....Mrs. Oscar Suggs, of Indianapolis, is visiting in the city....Mr. Albert Tyler is visiting friends in this city. ....Miss Sarah Carr is on the sick list. ....Mr. Alexander Carr, of Evansville, was in the city this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Carr....Mr. Carr Orton, of Indianapolis, is visiting relatives and friends here....Rev. J. M. Mundy leaves Monday for Paducah.

MARSHALL, TEXAS.

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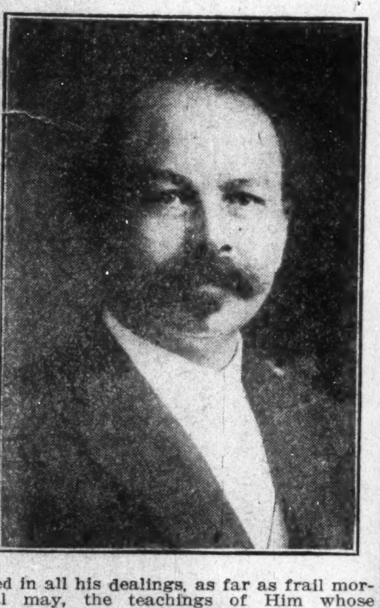
The members and friends of the C. M. E. Church surprised Rev. and Mrs. E. Beck last week....Mrs. Mary Hawkins left for Dallaas last Friday....Mrs. H. L. Billips, who was ill for some time, is able to be out again....Prof. J. H. Haywood, the band instructor, is in the city, and has organized a new band of sixteen pieces....Mr. Ben Fields and Miss Lucy Norris were married last week....A union Sunday school picnic is planned for this city in the early summer....Read the Freeman, on sale every Saturday at B. F. Leviston's barber shop....Johnson & Anderson are making good in the candy business....Mr. Elmo Lutz is suffering from scrofula....Mr. Mose Anderson and son went to Dallas Saturday.

REV. R. R. DOWNS, D. D., FOR BISHOP IN A. M. E. CHURCH.

Among those of the eligible list for bishop in the A. M. E. church is the Rev. R. R. Downs, D. D., present presiding elder of the West Virginia district of the West Virginia Conference.

The Mountain Leader, of Charleston, W. Va., in an editorial has this to say of him: "If there were more christian ministers of his type the world would be soon taken for Christ. When we say this we but voice the overwhelming sentiment of the entire community, both black and white recognizing him as a real christian gentleman."

Another editorial, in the Advocate, of Charleston, W. Va., has this to say of him, "The Rev. R. R. Downs is about to sever his connection with the St. Paul A. M. E. church. To those who know the value of a clean educated minister to a community this announcement will bring anything but pleasure. * * * He has exemplified in all his dealings, as far as frail mortal may, the teachings of Him whose standard bearer he professes to be, and in consequence has won the highest prize of all—the esteem and good will of those who know him best."



Rev. J. A. Lindsey, D. D., pastor of Avery chapel, Memphis, Tenn., says: "For many years the Rev. R. R. Downs, D. D., has stood in the forefront of African Methodism in Ohio and adjacent States. He is a gifted son with the pen, and one of Georgia's sons. He easily ranks with the best writers and thinkers of the race. As a theologian he has but few equals and still fewer superiors. His ability as pastor and presiding elder, coupled with his splendid pulpit services rounds him out as a character worthy of higher honors."

Dr. Downs is well and favorably known in Indianapolis, Ind., where he served the church in a highly successful way. What is said of him as a christian gentleman in the above references can be said of him in this city. He is of distinguished bearing and of scholarship commensurate with the needs of the office.

As an indication that he enjoys the esteem and high regard of his colleagues at Washington, Pa., February 21st, in the absence of the bishop, he was unanimously elected president of the Presiding Elders' Council of the Third Episcopal District; notwithstanding the fact that an ex-president of Wilberforce, now a candidate for the bishopric and presiding elder, Rev. Joshua H. Jones, D. D., were also nominated.

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My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. o-day, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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SATURDAY, WAY 4, 1912.

The weather on May 1 was very flattering.

Our baseball club might be respectable tailenders, anyhow.

Why not a colored doctor for the Board of Health? Such a thing has been.

President Taft got his in Massachusetts. Plain sailing from now on, it looks.

President Taft is simply fighting in self defense. Any old court concedes something on that account.

The Methodist churches are making history this month. Three batteries going at once, turning out bishops, general officers and sundries.

No; the Japanese on American soil in force would greatly complicate matters. We have the open door and all like that, but the simpler the conditions the better.

The President is now busy restoring his column. A little dismantling has been going on, butt he work is progressing nicely at this writing. From foundation to coping stone, one nominating day is promised.

The general conference of the M. E. church went into its quadrennial sessions this week at Minneapolis, Minn. In the meanwhile the general conference of the A. M. E. Zion church is in session at Charlotte, N. C. The A. M. E. church general conference opens up at Kansas City, Mo., next Monday.

Our Springfield, Illinois correspondent says "Let us break up this refusal of Negroes in Nickleodians, by suing them under the law." Ed Green, the colored representative, thought he had that kind of business killed, when he had only "scotched" it. If you don't succeed in breaking in the preferred Nickleodians, bear in mind 'tis only another phase of the same old problem. Apply what philosophy you have on hand, be determined to be enviably good and keep on going. Truth and right have a thousand years.

A parody on the Apostle's creed is not such a fetching piece of political business, yet Senator Williams, being taunted in the Senate last week, couldn't resist putting one over on the colonel. It is as follows:

"I believe in Theodore Roosevelt, maker of noise and strife, and in ambition, his only creed (my Lord). He was born of love of power, and suffered under William H. Taft; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Africa. The third year he rose again from the jungles, and ascended into favor, and sitteth o nthe right hand of his party, whence he shall come to scourge the licked and the dead.

"I believe in the Outlook, the big stick; the Ananias Club, the forgiveness of political activity, the resurrection of presidential ambitions, and the third term everlasting. Amen, amen, amen."

J. M. HAZELWOOD DEAD.

The death of J. M. Hazlewood, of Charleston, W. Va., was the sad announcement of last Tuesday morning. Mr. Hazlewood was a man of importance in his State. He was the publisher of The Advocate of that city, one of the leading papers of the country.

Mr. Hazlewood was a strong Pythian and he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the great organization as a member of the grand body. During the meeting of the Knights of Pythias in this city last summer he was active in bringing about the gratifying results of the occasion.

His loss, we take the liberty to say, is regretted generally in his State and abroad, wherever the Pythian name is known.

SHATTERING IDEALS.

Then again Mr. Roosevelt sets a very poor example for Young America, who come from the schools with exalted notions of the nation's executives, regardless of who they happen to be, politically considered. The feeling of reverence lingers very long, as it should, and sometimes it lingers forever. The perpetuity of a country depends to some extent on veneration for individuals and ideals. Sentiment of the kind that resents aspersions of the kind uttered by Roosevelt on Mr. Taft's administration is born of the condition spoken of—loyalty to ideals and to those that stand in front.

Most of us feel the presidential incumbent as above suspicion, beyond the possibility of taint and ultra gentlemanly. Mr. Roosevelt is not short of rude when he would strike down those superior notions—he is utterly shocking. Is it exaggeration to say so? It's the way the nation is taught; and why teach so if the thing of iconoclasm is yet to have sway—shattering ideals—shattering idols? the ruthless Roosevelt!

Mr. Roosevelt would have the chief executive a feeble instrument, and in the hands of the interests and the rest of it—a lifeless administration, says he in effect. He goes further in his effort to reduce him to mere man. In a foreign country he would be charged with lese majesty and would be haled upon the carpet of the throne. We, in this country, will have to be getting a similar "institution" in view of our possible crop of Roosevelts.

STAND UP FOR TAFT.

The contest between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt for the presidency has reached a very acute stage, and none the better for the country. The thoughtful are very much disturbed to know that it is even possible to have such a state of affairs as confronts us at this time. As we see it, Mr. Roosevelt, trading on his popularity, is solely responsible, and not the President, who has been pursuing the even tenor of his way, governing the country according to the laws and according to the principles of the party that elected him to office.

As great, forceful and sometimes constructive as Mr. Roosevelt is, he is not beyond making mistakes. He insists on seeing things wholly from his viewpoint, when it is not given any one man to have all of the wisdom. He is mistaken in thinking popularity is ever a sign of demand; if not mistaken, he is wrong in insisting that it is well founded demand.

He is politician enough and statesman enough to know that the uprising in his favor is more effervescent than otherwise. A man's a man for all that, one will say, but there are men who are guided by their passions rather than by reason. In such times as these and such cases the former class are not the truest indices of what's best for the country, and answering to a demand in the best sense. The profoundest judgment of the wisest and most sincere should rule when selecting those who are to shape the career and policies of the nation.

We had the utmost respect for ex-President Roosevelt. Concededly, he is a brilliant man, but by no means the safest man for the office he seeks, judged by appearances. And appearances are all that we have for guidance in the matter. It is plain that he is obsessed with the notion that he can do things better than any one else; that he can get things done better; that after him there are not many others, if any at all. Such is the picture he presents the whole world, owing to his more recent activities. The taint was always there, but formerly in a saving degree, lending novelty to him as a President, and which gave rise in part to his popularity. But it has been highly developed within the recent past, until Mr. Roosevelt and egotism are quite the same thing.

The vicious principle of recall is of the spirit of repudiation, either impugning dishonesty of men selected to carry out the will of the citizens, or inability to do so, and which is reflection an arraignment either way it is viewed. The people are flattered in the old way, that they are experts in such matters, notwithstanding the fact that they take but little thought of such things. They are at their various occupations, as they should be, permitting those of special calling to represent them. Mr. Roosevelt trades on the principle that the people are the government; that they are king. And so they are in the sense of the final word. If they so go, there is nothing to do but go. But to exercise the prerogative, the right, in defiance of orderly procedure in practice and theory, would disrupt the government. Public men, judges, or what not, are not faultless at all times, but it stands to reason that they are much better fitted to serve the people than the people themselves en masse.

Many of those tossing up their caps for Mr. Roosevelt have not thought of his recent utterances on government. They see their beloved Teddy, a jolly good fellow; and it's a plenty.

We, the colored people in this country, can very well afford to waive the differences between President Taft and ourselves. The greater thing, the country is to be preserved, and through it comes our preservation. Racial differences will have to be fought out along other lines. The campaign for President is distinctly different. Whoever becomes President—Taft, Roosevelt, Wilson or Clark—the same old racial quarrel will remain and not reduce a jot or title.

President Taft is a fine expression of an American citizen. All along he has shown clearly that he was content to be merely President of the country and not its Caesar. Mr. Roosevelt wants more ginger in the business; he had an excess amount. It made him picturesque at the time, true enough, but he has gone a few paces too far in demonstrating what he would do the next time. For the good of the American republic, it is to be hoped there will be no next time, for if so, it may be indefinite, and then goodbye to our cherished ideals of a republic.

Mr. Taft has been cautious and conservative, harking back to some extent to the old line Presidents with their absences of hurrah and flurry. We are not prepared to repudiate George Washington in toto, or Thomas Jefferson, or Benjamin Harrison—types of presidential dignity, individuals who thought more of the chair than of themselves. Mr. Taft has urged every reform worth while suggested by his predecessor. He has prosecuted unlawfully organized concerns without fear or favor. His administration has been high-toned and clear of scandalous transactions. He has shown that beautiful spirit of ordinary ambition to succeed himself. He has tried to unify the country, North and South—a disposition not cared for by the race, since it meant care in the appointment of Negroes to office. It is an incidental thing, so far as the race is concerned, having to do with a loss of a few places and for the purpose already stated. As he views it, the incidental loss does not compare with the general good. Judge Hook was turned down in the interest of the race. An assistant attorney general was appointed, the best appointment ever given a Negro. The incidental loss of a few appointments in Southern States was made good. In turning down Hook and appointing Lewis, he contributed to the uplift of the Negro nation. Why not see his method through it all and value him accordingly? Stand up for W. H. Taft for President!

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Mr. Portteus was born in Franklin county, Indiana, July 24, 1859, being 52 years of age. His early life was spent on the farm, where he remained until five years after his marriage, which took place in 1879.

Since leaving the farm Mr. Portteus became a clerk in a hardware store, after which he became a traveling man. He moved his family to Indianapolis in 1885. He followed his business of traveling salesman for twenty years, during which time he made many friends among the traveling fraternity and elsewhere.

In his candidacy for sheriff Mr. Portteus will be supported almost to a man by the Democratic Commercial Travelers' Club, of which he is a member. He is also a member of the Indiana Democratic Club, and will get a strong support from its members. The several fraternal and secret organizations count in his favor.

Mr. Portteus formerly lived in the old Fourteenth ward, where he served his party as precinct and ward committeeman. Before Irvington was annexed as a part of the Ninth ward he had moved there. He was elected to the City Council from the Ninth ward in November, 1905, notwithstanding the ward was a strong Republican ward, and served throughout the years of 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 with credit to himself. He devoted more time than any other member to the City Council in looking after the needs of his ward and the city's interest. He was always on the side of the people on measures materially affecting the Ninth ward and the city's interest.

It was largely through his efforts that track elevation at East Washington and East Michigan streets was obtained, together with the acquisition of the Ellenberger woods to our park system.

Sheriff Woessner, at the beginning of his first term, selected Mr. Portteus as his chief deputy, and the wisdom of his selection has been fully established by the efficiency with which the business of the office has been handled.

Mr. Portteus has been ever attentive to his duties and courteous to the public, irrespective of political views or alignments. You hear only words of praise from those that have business with the office.

Sheriff Woesner Says:

I shall use my best efforts in assisting Mr. Portteus, my chief deputy, to the nomination and his election to the office of sheriff. He has been an honest, upright, able assistant to me, and much credit is due him for the manner in which the office has been conducted. You can feel assured, with his nomination and election, that there will be a continuation of the office being conducted in the interest of the taxpayers.

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Frank Whitbeck, who this season managed the tour of George Sidney, in "Busy Izzy," on his transcontinental tour, has organized the Dixie Pickaninny Band, and in another part of this issue is advertising for colored musicians. The band will open in the East for a tour of the vaudeville houses, and later will play the park time. After this Mr. Whitbeck is considering an offer for the act to go to the coast, running through the Canadian time.

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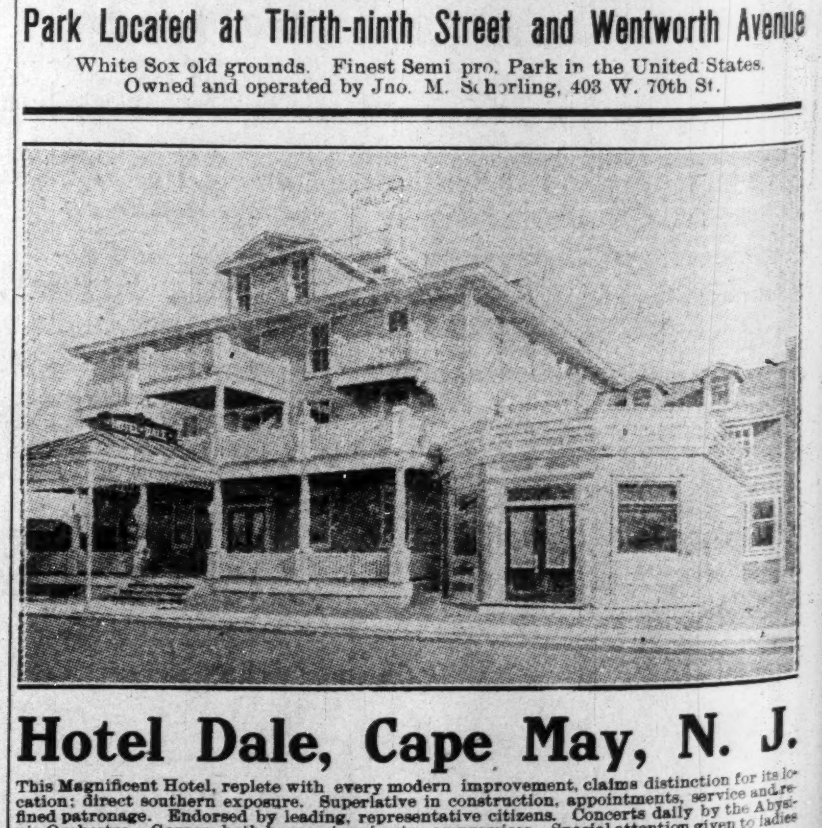

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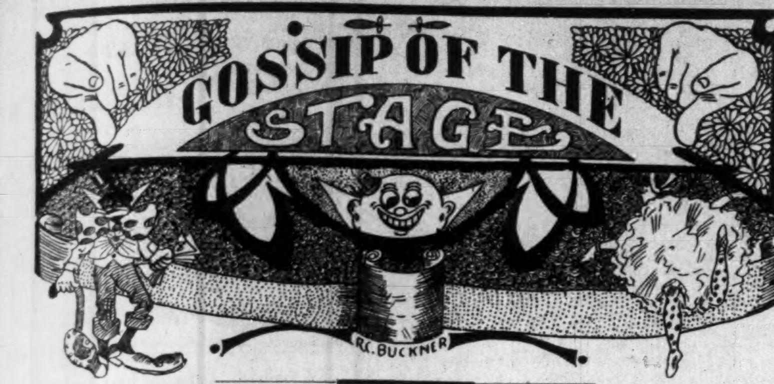

Martin and Motely are at Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

Aida Overton Walker was at Portland, Ore., last week.

Bradford's Chicken Trust Company, Berlin, Canada, this week.

Jimmie Dick is in Cordele, Ga., with his stock company, having success.

McDaniel and McDaniel are still at the little Savoy Theater, Memphis, Tenn.

Jake Fiddler says that he will spend a few days in Indianapolis in the near future.

Simms and Thompson will be at the Orpheum Theater, Nashua, N. H., week of May 6.

Pearl Moppin is trombone soloist with Hugo's Greater American Minstrels, touring the world.

At the Imperial Theater, Indianapolis, this week: Ben Holiman, Bud Adams. Next week: Katie Musinger.

Sylvester Williams, of the Georgia Minstrels, is resting up in Indianapolis, his home. He plays clarinet and saxophone.

That droll comedian, Lew Hall, is this week at the Imperial Theater, Jackson, Tenn. Next week, Gem Theater, Lexington, Ky.

The Georgia Minstrels broke "camp" at Quincy, Ill., last Monday morning. The boys went marching home in various directions.

Miss Estella White, classy singer and dancing soubrette, opened at the Imperial Theater, the week of April 22, and made a big hit.

The Union Theater, Indianapolis, is said to be one of the prettiest theaters in the country for colored patronage. Jones & Turner, managers.

The Lees were in the city last Wednesday, en route to Bloomington, Ind. They played a successful engagement recently at the Crown Garden Theater.

Thornton and Long are still in Portsmouth, Va., with the Oriental Stock Company. Will open May 13 at the New Lyric Theater, Newport News, Va.

The celebrated Leon, the magician and ventriloquist, after a successful week at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, left for Chicago, where he will remain two weeks.

Frank Montgomery has taken charge of the Standard Theater, Philadelphia, as manager. The house is of 2,000 capacity and with a good reputation for its shows.

Last week Malloy and Harkum were at the Lincoln Theater, N. Y., and the Majestic Theater, Asbury Park, N. J. This week they are at the Lyric Theater, Bridgeport, Conn.

Essie Whitman has joined her sister, Mabel Whitman, and Picks, in Chicago. The Big Four Act will appear in the West. Alberta Whitman has retired from the stage indefinitely.

Happy S. Lockhart, singing, dancing and talking comedian, has just closed one week at the Gem Theater, Lexington, Ky., and opened at the Olio Theater, Louisville, Ky., May 29.

Clever Billy Young and Billy Morrison have organized a small comedy company of eight people, women and men. The act is called the Elite Merry Makers, and is now in Portland, Ore.

MISS BERRY AT THE CROWN GARDEN.

THE SECOND WEEK OF THE NEW CROWN GARDEN OPENS LIKE THE FIRST.

The house was crowded to capacity the first show, as well as the second show, being over half full, notwithstanding the rainy weather kept a good many away. Theater box parties in this cozy little playhouse seem to be all the rage, and the show offered was up to the standard in every respect. A high-class vaudeville bill from start to finish. A good Western motion picture opened the evening's entertainment.

Huggins and Berry

Came second, with good singing and clean comedy. Mr. Huggins is a clever character comedian. The novel way in which he opens his act brings many laughs. He has an excellent baritone voice and knows how to use it. His songs, "Old Mill Stream" and "I'm Going Crazy," made a hit. The female member of this team, Miss Berry, helped bring about many a clever joke, which got some real laughs. Miss Berry's personal appearance easily makes her one of the many attractive women of stageland. Her song, "Mine," was well received. They closed their act with an Indian number that won them an encore.

Miss Dayse Collins,

Singer of classy, clever songs, was a new face to the Crown patrons, and was well received. Her first song, "Shakey Eyes," had the audience going. For her encore she sang "You'll Never Know What a Good Girl I've Been Till I'm Gone Away," and was forced to take several bows.

The Original Girl Raffles Company (All White)

Offered a sensational escape act, and they gave the audience their money's worth. The male member, having his hands tied behind him by a committee from the audience, performed some clever tricks by escaping from his full dress coat and vest in full view of the audience, without untying his hands. The Girl Raffles filled the audience with amazement by her wonderful escape from more than a dozen handcuffs at one time, without leaving the view of the audience. This act closed with Miss Raffles escaping from a regulation straightjacket after being securely fastened in it by the committee. A novelty act like the Girl Raffles Company has never been seen in any of the local colored playhouses, and I know that the patrons of the Crown will be pleased to see more acts of the same nature in the future.

Rose Fox and Her African Knights

Closed the show, using her own special scenery. The scenery alone won an applause for the act, before Miss Fox put in her appearance. After her first song in Zulu costume, assisted by her African knights, the audience went wild with delight. She next appeared in a flashy costume, singing "My Bill from Louisville," and she sang it in such a way as to bring an applause from the audience between each verse. One young knight, dressed in the height of fashion, sang "Ida" in a pleasing manner. Knight No. 2 did some buck dance. Knight No. 3 appeared in a wench character, doing comedy. Miss Fox, with her three African Knights, closed her act with a redhot song and dance number, making this act one of the best scenic, song and dancing productions ever seen on the Crown Garden stage. This act sent the audience home saying "some more show." The orchestra amused the audience with good music. Manager Tim Owsley has rightly named the Crown the house of good shows.

K. C. E.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

By Billy E. Jones.

Coates and Jefferies at Strong's theater this week, Burlington, Vt. The act is a success.

Cook and Stevens now on the Western Vaudeville Association line. This week they are playing at the Ophehm theater, Grand Rapids, Mish.

King and Gee, the clever sister team, are scoring a big success this week at Riverside theater, New York City.

The Ten Dark Knights are at Bridgeport, Conn., this week.

Miller and Lyles this week at the Bijou theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lillie Seguin, the little magnet, en route with the Patti show, is scoring a big hit with "Ragtime Love," taking three and four encores at each performance. She is certainly sure-fire over the footlights.

Brown and Nevarro at the Orpheum theater, Salt Lake.

Larkins and Pearl at Bijou theater, Lansing, Mich., first half of the week, and at Bijou theaer, Flint, Mich., the second half.

The Fairyland theater, Washington, D. C., is presenting first-class vaudeville and moving pictures. Good acts always in demand. Frank Kearney, manager.

Moss and Frey at the City theater, New York.

Hodges and Launchmere, with Miner's American Burlesque Company, are doing an act away from all colored acts either in burlesque or vaudeville. It is rather unusual to hear colired people singing airs from the grand operas, bht this is eractly what they do, and do it well. Their cat duet is particularly enjoyable and one applause winner.

Tom Brown and Siren Nevarro, on the Orpheum circuit, are scoring a big success with their act, "A Chinese Courtship." Their singing and dancing and character work is excellent, especially their Chinese number. They are a clever pair.

Howard theater at Washington, D. C., has returned to vaudeville and motion pictures. The vaudeville consists of the best acts available. Some thing in the line of pictures will be iffered. Mr. R. Thomas is the manager.

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Coates and Jefferies at the Strong theater, Burlington, Vt. The act is a big success.

During the first act of the Blacn Patti Musical Company the song, "My Dreamland Rose," is a big hit with Chas. Baugia and Lillie Seguin, and this team succeeds with it in great style.

Wm. A. Cooke as Sherlock Holmes, the detective in disguise, is a typical tramp, and not only acts but looks the part and scored a distinct hit last week with the Black Patti Musical Comedy Company at the Halliday theater, Baltimore, last week. He is one of the best seen since Bob Cole in "A Trip to Coontown."

CIRCLE THEATER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Business is still good, notwithstanding the bad weather. The drawing cards the past week were Miller and Harris, a new team of song and dance comedians who pleased immensely. Mr. Geo. Harris is one of the old school and provoked rolls of laughter. Cumby and Brown and Winn and Nugent produced new specialties that hit hard. The Gardners, Josie and Sam, closed the bill with a very laughable sketch called "Family Troubles." Sammy's nursing and making up of bread was much funnier than his peg-leg stunts of the past. Miss Josie is a dainty little soubrette that makes good use of the little time she has in the act. Booked for the week of the 29th are Fisher and Simmons, the LaMarows, Stamper and Bragg, Harris and Miller, the Robbins, Minor and Minor. Russell-Owens Stock Company is announced to open soon. Other notable bookings are Seals and Fisher, Johnson and Roper, John Cooper, and the Great Hellman.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR 999.

P. L. Jenkins writes from Tuscaloosa, Ala.: We are in Alabama, after a short tour of the State of Mississippi. We were seriously menaced by the high waters the week of April 7, being forced to go 300 miles out of our course to get into Jackson, Miss., but we are out of the danger zone now. Robert Young, clarinetist, of Memphis, Tenn., joined us April 14. Wm. (Tuba) Thomas is back, after a fortnight's vacation in Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala. Wm. Fisher wishes to hear from W. H. Jacobs, Alex. Tolliver and Miss Josie Grayson. Write, care of The Freeman. The bunch sends regards to C. A. (Count) La Rose and Pearl (King) Moppin, of Vic Hergos' bunch, also Joe White. "O you C. Adams." Jas. Wise is csoring, singing "Ragtime Violin." Wm. Shaw desires to hear from Vernie Johnson. Boyd Harris still captures the audience with his comical sayings and grotesque dancing.

DIXIE MINSTRELS EN ROUTE.

After three years of New York State LeVard's Dixis Minstrels have started for the coast, and will carry 20 people this summer. The company now consists of nine people, all artists. I have twenty first-class air domes booked through Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, then take the Northern route to Portland, Ore.

The following people are with the company: Al Perrin, Archie Byrant, Kid Carl, Charles Gray, Charles Baugness, Austin Sydoe, Mrs. Beatrice LeVaud, Wm. S. LeVaud, manager; Ike Rose in advance. Mr. LeVaud has just bought an elegant outfit for the summer. Everything brand new from front door to cook tent. Everybody is well and I can heartily say this is one of the best colored companies on the road today. We get The Freeman every week. Pleased to hear from good people any time. Address W. S. LeVaud, care The Frman.

Fred Simpson, the well-known trombonist, of the Georgia Minstrels, is at home in Indianapolis, taking a much-needed rest. The last tour of the company was unusually successful. They played under three flags, United States, Canada and Mexico. Mr. Simpson has been a valuable assistant, acting in various capacities from stage manager down. He is known as one of the best trombone players in the country.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

Lottie Grady Crowds the New Grand—Wolf and Zadella Make a Hit.

That Lottie Grady, the famous Pekin beauty, is the strongest drawing card on State street, was evinced on last Monday evening when she made her first appearance at the Grand and while she can be recorded as a success, her last eccentric character creation should have been her opening number and on this number hinges her legitimate claim to prominence as a talented vaudeville star. Wolf and Zadella headed the list of white artists that followed after Miss Grady, for Wolf is not only legitimate but educated and takes rank among the best white comedians in existence. Madam Henglers' Russian Poodles was the cleverest all round lot of performing dogs seen in vaudeville. L. H. Rose and company, in "Just a Matter of Custom," were entertaining. "Lew Cantors' Merry Youngsters" was another one of those distressing school similarities and a good one, in fact, the best we have seen. The last half of last week presented Mabel Gant and her Picks, a clever act, also "The Imperial Dancing Four," Blaisdell and Webster, a spicy agency skit; Ebeling European Troupe and Erdman, Crawford and Erdman, one boy a clever Negro character singer, made good. Although Dave Patton dragged a little in the Grady specialties, the orchestra was in good form. Frank Tate, first violinist, has returned. Other members are Tobe Brown, a good cornetist, Nelson Kincaid, clarinetist, and Miles Harris, a good trap drummer.

Clarence Powell Lines Them Up at the Monogram—Peat and Hayes Return Popular.

The strongest drawing card of the season which opened at the Monogram on Monday evening was Clarence Powell, the Georgia minstrel.

CLARENCE POWELL, Georgia Minstrel.

His act was in every way legitimately successful. His monologue, which not only appeals to a white audience but won favor in a house where his work was above his audience, is a positive assurance of his success on the big time in vaudeville. Peat and Hayes were popular return artists, who fully repeated their former capability. Elvira Johnson, in a single turn, wore some fine dresses and danced and sang well. The Cubanola Trio, which was late on Monday evening, was replaced by a jubilee trio, which consisted of Mrs. Gertrude Frazier, J. H. Meadows and Olva Ellison. The Cubanolas opened on Tuesday night. The new pictures included "The Siren of Impulse" and "Midnight Dream," a comedy. Will Dorsey's orchestra was fair, but the clarinet player needs more practice. George Reeves' trappings, as usual, excelled.

Another Startling Picture Seen at the Phoenix.

"A Victim of Circumstances" held the crowds spellbound at the Phoenix, where the photo plays are the best ever. "A Victim of Fire Water" and "Wanted, A Wife," were satisfactory. Ed Goodbar and Mrs. Patton alternate in songs.

The Merits Photo Plays Grow Popular.

"Jealousy" drew the biggest houses at the Merit ever known in its history. Four-fifths of the audience here are colored people. "Pony Express Rider" was another interesting picture. The music of the orchestra was lively.

Chicago Stage Notes.

Illa Vincent was slightly injured by swinging over the piano while releasing his hold from Zbyszko in a wrestling match at the Pekin last Firday, April 26. The decision was a draw.

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There was a new singer introduced on the program at the La Verdo cafe, Miss Arseola Osborne, a young lady with an excellent voice and a commendable presence. Leon Diggs, the tenor, is also on the bill. Clarence Jones and Dave Lewis, the musicians, and Will Able, manager and entertainer, complete the list.

Stray Tips of the Stroll.

The El Centro buffet and music hall, under the new management of Sherman Blackwell, is now a success. Its location at 3335 State street, under the Odd Fellows' hall, is now a central location.

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Casabi G. Griffin, the expert pants maker can be seen at Glazebrooks', 2803 State street.

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Things are looking lively up in the Thirty-eighth street block. R. W. Green, the undertaker at 3832 State street, is noted for keeping the cleanest looking windows on the Stroll. The Belvidere hotel now has three proprietors, Taylor, Strothers and Del Porter.

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W. J. Wilson has opened a new tailoring company at 2825½ State street. Mr. Wilson was once with the Hagstram Brothers and formerly in the Freedman Brothers' coat shop at St. Paul, Minn. He is now well known o nState street as a first-class tailor.

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The Douglas hotel, a new rooming house for men only, has opened its doors at 2906 and 2908 State street. The house is nicely appointed, with steam heat and electric lights in each room and baths. The house is owned by a white man whose cordiality to the press indicates that he is on the right side of popular favor, where quite a few others of his race in the Negro district may later have cause for complaining. We welcome the Douglas as a needy want at popular prices.

JACK PETERS WANTS TO FIGHT.

Jack Peters blew in The Freeman office the other day, and full of scrap. He wants 'em to come on; anything from within three or five pounds of his own weight. Jack says he has had thirty-three battles, won twenty-five, got seven draws. His best opponent was Eddie Connelly, who had met and beat all comers in England for three years. He defeated Chas. Givens, of Jacksonville, Fla., in fourteen rounds.

His challenge is as follows: "I have put up forfeit money to bind a match. All letters and money addressed me at Fort Wayne, Ind., will reach me in safety within the next fifteen days.

"JACK PETERS."

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Newark, N. J., week of May 6.

SALEM T. WHITNEY, "SOUTHERN SMART SET"—St. Catherine, Ont., Can., May 6; Woodstock, 7; Galt, 8; Hamilton, 9-10; Brantford, 11.

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS—Charlottsville, Va., May 6.

PROF. P. G. LOWERY, WITH WALLACE-HAGENBECK CIRCUS—Uniontown, Pa., May 6; Connellsville, 7; Indiana, 8; Altoona, 9; Johnstown, 10; New Kensington, 11.

VICTOR HUGO'S GREATER AMERICAN MINSTRELS—Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, May 14 to 21.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE BAND, ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB—Terre Haute, Ind., May 6; Evansville, 7; Hopkinsville, Ky., 8; Nashville, Tenn., 9-10; Decatur, Ala., 11.

BROWN'S TENNESSEE MINSTRELS—Park River, N. D., May 8; Milton, 9; Langdon, 10.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Brown, W. H.	Kraton, Harry.
Beeman, Chicken	Mores, J. Francis
Benson, Otis	Massey, Verner
Boston, Shepard	Phillips, William
The Bruces	Pitt & Wescott
Cloridge, W. L.	Parker, Alex N.
DeLeo, B. F.	Richardson, Irvie
Dakes, Joe	Reed, Walter
Day, Geo.	Simmons, Cres
Dumas, H.	Singleton, J. C.
Goddloe, John	Shaw, James
Frazier, Happy	Schaffer, David
Elliott, E. J.	Scotte, J. C.
Gray, Prof. J. A.	Sutton, H. J.
Graham, P. G.	Smith, James
Hull, D. R.	Stewart, Richard.
Hoy, H. (telegram)	Trigg, Will
Hamilton, J. W.	Thomas, Kid.
Hawk, Clarence E.	Thomas, William
Hunt, Hi Henry	Tansel, Frank
Hughes, Atrus	Thomas, W.
Herndon, C. L.	Wise, Hen.
Hull, Dan	Wallburg, Hamdy.
Johnson, W. M.	Waldon, O. W.
Jackson, William	Williams, J. H.
Kersand, Billy	Williams, T. C.
The Jolly Hendersons	Wallburg, J.
	Young, James B.

Ladies' List.

Bostwick, Mrs. M.	Marion, Miss Glenn
Crampton, Mrs. Pauline	Moore, Miss Mazie
Glover, Miss Mattie	Moore, Mre. Eva,
Harrison, Miss E.,	Singleton, Baby Doll
Johnson, Miss Susie	Smith, Ruby.
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The Too Sweets are still in Hot Springs, at the Majestic theater.

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Riley and Riley closed at the Pekin theater, Dublin, Ga., after four successful weeks. Now at Etowah, Tenn.

The Englishes, Charlie L. and Chas., are making good with the Dandie Dixie minstrels. At Bessemer, Ala., last week.

The Ragtime Trio opened on the Miles circuit at St. Paul, Minn., May 2, at the Alhambra theater, with Minneapolis to follow.

Tabor and Green, playing the Fisher time. The act, piano, singing from grand opera to rag time. Have eight weeks in Oregon, then to Frisco.

Bud Huffman Musical Comedy Company, headed by J. B. Chatman, is now playing throughout the South. Packing them in nicely. Sade Salome, E. H. Willingham and Willie Pritts are making good.

DANA THOMPSON SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Our show is running along nicely and everybody is enjoying good health. We are touring through North Carolina, and playing to packed house;s while in Wilmington we visited Happy Howe and were shown a royal time. Happy Dudley and Little Dick Brown are holding down the extreme ends, while Otto Bradley and B. J. Jenkins bring up the rear. Miss Alberta Smiley cleans up in her singing and dancing turn, and Miss Viola McCoy steps to the front. Oh, boy, she is a dream. George Crump, our stage manager and interlocutor, must have been eating Webster's dictionary all his life. Willie McDonald wants someone to care for him. Frank Perriman is just awfully sensational with that slide. Just listen to Jimmy Wallburg playing that snare drum. Say, Deleo is crazy about cabbage. I will tell you about the rest of the bunch later.

NEWSY NOTES FROM STAR THEATER, COLUMBUS, GA.

The Rainey and Rainey Trio closed their second week's engagement at the Star Theater, leaving pleasant memories of their mirth provoking comedies that packed the house nightly. Kid Bishop, of the trio, left the audience screaming nightly with his singing and grotesque dancing. This week Kid Monday held the boards for the first three nights of bad weather and small attendance, and was succeeded by Messrs. Johnnie Berringer and Henry Jones, and Miss Iola Morris. Henry Jones delighted the audiences with his rendition of "Buckwheat Cakes." Miss Morris pleased them with "Lovie Joe" and "Beautiful Doll," also her buck and wing dancing. Berringer and Jones always left the house in roars of laughter with their closing skit, "My Gal," when Berringer leaves the stage in a barrel. Next week we have with us Mr. Walter Brogsdale, who comes to us from the Belmont Street Theater, of Pensacola, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Whistnants, a comedy sketch team of some class. We are succeeding in organizing a strong stock company, to which will be added new faces weekly.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Pekin Theatre.

The Pekin Theater opened Monday night to a record breaking attendance. The manager presented us with another manless bill. In addition to our regular local favorites, Misses Shepherd and Hocker, the Kinkie Doo Trio were booked for a week's engagement. Misses Madeline Cooper, Ada Smith and Lulu Wicks have a very classy turn. They have an entire new act, and it went with a whirl. The house was packed at each performance with young and old men, who seen so much of the girls on their last visit, hoping to meet with the same success this trip; but they were somewhat disappointed, as the new act called for more stage clothes. However, they were amply rewarded for their visit, as the girls have a good line of songs, do some clever dancing, and work in a funny line of jokes, which combination gives ample opportunity for a surprising and a laughable situation. Miss Lucy Shepherd, who never overlooks a point to make good, sprung a couple of new songs on us again this week, just off the writer's pen. Her opening number, "I Would Rather Be a Has-Been than a Never-Was," is a sentimental ballad and scored a tremendous hit, and her closing number is a real rag, "I Am a Do-Right Woman, Looking for a Do-Right Man." The latter one called for numerous encores. The Pekin should do an excellent business this week. Miss Bessie Hocker is attracting large crowds at the matinees with her sweet singing.

ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS, ACME THEATER, MERIDIAN, MISS.

Allen's Troubadours, after filling seven weeks' engagement with success at Lagman theater, Mobile, Ala., opened at the Acme theater, Meridian, Miss., Monday night, April 15, to a record-breaking crowd as usual. The company is begger, better and stronger than ever. The show has also had a reputation of being a red-hot singing, dancing and comedy show, and is also known as one of the best and strongest stock companies in the business. It has a bunch of ladies and gents that are all-around performers, dressers on and off the stage. Every act is costumed. Every member of the company is compelled to live up to the rules and regulations. It has only one manager and one pay boss, and that G. W. Allen, owner and manager of the Troubadours show.

Here we only have one man to please, and everything is peaches. Every member with the company is well, happy and gay. The show is a dream; nothing but packed houses all the time. We had the pleasure of meeting A. G. Allen's Minstrels twice this season—April 1 at Mobile, Ala., and April 21 at Meridian, Miss., but we did not know they were in town, for we had crowded houses each time as usual.

All members of the company send regards to all friends.

Managers of all colored theaters write, addressing G. W. Allen, care Allen's Troubadours, Acme Theater, Meridian, Miss.

SEEING THE WHITE TOP.

Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows in Indianapolis—The Usual Parade—P. G. Lowery and His Bunch.

By Billy Lewis.

Something magical in the name circus. It casts a spell over the young, holding them without scarcely a single exception. Something is constitutionally wrong with the boy that wouldn't give a rap for a show. His lifelong career would be worthy of watching. What manner of man would he be? Surely not a normal individual. The girls are practically a unit for the show, and all of its belongings—the perade, the calliope ("wouldn't be no parade" without that time-honored instrument). Old boys and girls of thirty and forty years and up find that they must surrender to their old-time fervor. They fall to the usual bewitchery of the circus line—none too proud to do it honor. So at the great lineup of the Wallace-Hagenbeck Shows Monday, April 22, the show fans, if they can be so called, were there in a variety of ages, sizes, colors and nationalities.

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"See one circus, you see them all," is an old saying. It is not quite fair to the men who rack their brains, ransack the universe in quest of new features. Guess old man Barnum set a too rapid pace. He has not been very much improved on, especially in the animal line. There is not much chance for an improvement in the menagerie department. In a few more years the larger animals will be no more. A few may be bred in captivity, but in time the entail will be enfeebled, and then extinction—oblivion. Then we must rely on the museums to remind us of the unimaginabe wonders of the then past, monster animals—elephant, hippo, giraffe, lion, tiger—that walked like men. Nothing like seeing them in the flesh.

The importance of seeing greater wild animals goes home to the most soberminded, the most intellectual. And there is a sense of sympathy for them; they are so near the finale of their generations, and thus they are of double educational value, standing for the largest and most dangerous animals and a funeral pageant of the passing of the species. The other day schools of children under the care of teachers lined the walks, learning at first hand what the geographies have to offer on the animal kingdom. The little ones are born Bohemians. Ultra Bohemians, they want to see everything exciting, everything worth while. Education and training suppress much of the wild growth tendency—sometimes too much—having it appear that the great and wonderful things of the world are commonplace and not deserving of attention. Everything gets to look alike to them. A hog is an interesting thing to those who have not seen one. Any living thing diferent fro mourselves and not seen before is a curiosity—a wonder. The little children haven't been living very long; they haven't seen very much. So come on, Mr. Showman, with your "wares." You'll have witnesses all right until the little ones refuse longer to infest the land.

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The show proper is a mammoth affair. All details are in the hands of skilled captains, who head the different departments, and whose duties are as exacting as those of the heads of an army of fighting men.

The show—the theatrical part—is not bound by the limitations of the forests. Everything new and novel is seized on, just as is done by wide-awake theatrical managers. The shows keep a lookout for unusual attractions, saving no expense in securing them. Competition is so live that it is exciting.

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P. G. Lowery, the well-known bandmaster, holds forth in the side show, assisted by fellow bandmen and a bunch of colored stage players. The theatrical entertainment is on at once after a short overture. Whoever selected the performers, all of whom are colored, knew what they were doing. They give a snappy show, every performer being a star. It was a daylight stage, the first show, and without the stage trappings seen in regular theaters. Didn't need them. In the language of the street, the audience eat it up, going back again and again, seemingly never to tire of the offerings of the colored people.

The show is minstrel in effect. U. S. Thompson (Slow Kid) is on one end and Charles Beecham, an Indianapolis boy, is on the other end. Thompson goes big all of the time. He is as good as they get to be. Beecham gets his share of the applause. Irwin Richardson, a boyish-looking young man, does interlocutor in good style, surprisingly good. Lizzie Thompson leads off with the solo and chorus work, singing "Monkey Rag." She wins 'em and holds 'em. Callie Vassar put on "Mamma Shufflin's Dance," which was also a winner. Alma Richardson then delighted 'em with "O, You Circus Day." Ethel Kenney followed, singing "Cannibal Love." She was also well received. The solos by the men and other features made up an entertainment worth the price of admission—only 10 cents.

But there were many other things to be seen for the same one dime. The various madames—a snake charmer, who handled and fondled the huge, writhing reptiles; a parrot trainer, who had her birds give exhibitions of what they knew; a contortionist, who defied the laws of the human anatomy; a man and woman put real swords—not too sharp—down their real throats, right on down the oesophagus, the route of the food—no fake. The Davis Family, colored, has the distinguished pleasure of changing its color from black to white—a woman, girl and two young men. But they'll have to hurry if they make it in time to enjoy association across the line. At the rate they are going they'll be white in 1940. The tattooed man was a "beaut" for those who liked it, resembling a well-made map, with nothing omitted. South Sea Island Joe was there with his many curios and his lecture on his nativity and wanderings. Then the man at the rear had something good to offer. In fact, too good for the young and tender. They were excluded.

P. G.'s band played all the while, thus addingto the gaiety of the nation. The members of the band are: P. G. Lowery, cornet; Antole Victor, violinist; Billie May, tuba; Tom May, cornet; William Lee, drum; J. H. Tobias, trombone; Max Shaw, trombone; Elmer Payne, clarinet. P. G. looked as important and as interesting as the rest of the "white" folks. He has been with the company so long, got his job down so fine, that if one should say he was the boss of everything in the side show it would look reasonable. He is not airy, not conceited—simply knows what he is doing all of the time. One must like him for his genial, gentlemanly manner. The same can be said of the bunch.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

(By S. Tutt Whitney.)

What Does It Mean to You?

While playing in Indiana, I was refused the star dressing room, by the manager of a "one-night stand" theater. The manager's instructions to his stage manager were, "Lock up the star room until the 'niggers' leave." The stage manager was broad-minded and not a slave to color prejudice, and through his persuasion I was admitted to the star room. I stated the matter to Mr. Corwell; he immediately went to the manager and asked the reason why the head of his company should be subjected to such indignities. The manager replied as follows:

"I have never seen the Smart Set show, know absolutely nothing about its personnel. I have only played one colored company previous to your company, (I am almost tempted to name the company) and that company stole everything that was moveable. They took stage screws, incandescent lights, mirrors, soap, towels, and all 'props' that were not locked up. I thought some of the Smart Set company would do the same."

After the performance, the stage manager said we were the best behaved company that had played the house. The manager then apologized to Mr. Corwell.

To the majority of white people, there is no classification of Negroes. If one happens to come in contact with good Negroes, to that one, all Negroes may be good, or vice versa. If one Negro goes into a place of amusement and commits a nuisance, all Negroes are barred. With us Negroes, the many suffer for the sins of the few.

Traveling colored companies are an object lesson to the white people all over the country. Everything they do is being observed. Everything they say, within hearing of a white person, is listened to and commented upon with credit or discredit to the speaker. How important it is to the whole colored race, that members of colored companies should dress cleanly and neatly, deport themselves properly and talk intelligently. By so doing, they are not only advancing their own and their managers interests, but they are helping to solve the problem of the Negro race.

To so live, act, walk and talk, that the standard of the race shall be lifted, should be the personal resolve and obligation of every member of a colored company.

I am happy to say that not one of the many hundreds of performers it is my pleasure to know is a member of the company that so disgraced the colored theatrical profession.

Fable No. 2—The Quitter.

There was an actor with a show,
Who thought it could not stand the blow,
If he should pack his trunk and go,
And so, he quit.

He said, "Now boys you soon will see
How much the boss-man will miss me;
He'll rue the day we couldn't agree,
He'll find I'm it."

Now when, the boss the notice read,
He never even turned his head,
Just gave him two weeks' dough and said,
"Now sir, you git."

The boys they smiled when he said goodbye;
And not one girl seemed like to die;
They never asked the reason why,
That he h adquit.

Another took the actor's place,
And did the part without disgrace;
The actor's work, nor e'en his face,
Was missed, one bit.

The boss-man sat beside the door
And bagged the cash as oft before;
He smiled when many dollars more,
Has greased his mitt.

It seems that when this world began,
'Twas built to run on such a plan,
That can't be stopped by just one man.
One man is nit.

'Tis well to look before you leap;
Be sure of dough you have a heap;
Hard times upon you sure will creep.
Then you'll get bit.

S. T. W.

KNOCKERS KEEP QUIET.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

ATLANTA, GA.

I have been asked by so many, and have received so many letters asking me different things about N. R. Harper's melodrama, "Tallaboo," that it has become tiresome, and I wish to state that I have no connection whateve rwith the "Tallaboo" company. True, I was a player in the company in Chicago, which was quite a hit, and if "Tallaboo" were properly managed and a few changes made in the play, it would be one of the best plays of today. The material is in the play to make it a world-beater, and I don't think anyone knows any more about the play than I do, unless it is the author. The trouble with our people is we are too ready to criticize something we know nothing of. We must give Mr. Harper credit for bringing the American Negro before the public in a light that none of us have ever been able to do. I regret very much that it did not meet with the success it deserved in Washington, but I understand lack of advertising was the cause. The cast was up-to-date, I know, for most of them played with me in Chicago. Our colored managers of theaters must learn to advertise, for advertising is the road to success. Well do I remember what a hard time we had to even get a hearing at the Pekin in Chicago, not saying anythinb about the handicaps we had to undergo after we got a hearing, but after all, "Tallaboo" won out and was the greatest success of any production ever played to a Chicago audience at the Pekin. I've been asked by several what changes are need in the play to make it a success. That I will tell to the author. But "Tallaboo" nor any other Negro play with a large cast can expect to make a success financially by making such a jump as from Chicago to Washington. In my opinion if a stock company was formed to play such plays as "Tallaboo" and play only the large cities and stay from four to six weeks in each city, then we could make a success out of a dramatic colored company, but to go single-handed, "Tallaboo" or any other Negro play will be a failure. I notice that one eastern writer thinks that Sam should introduce a song and dance in the closing scene. That would be entirely out of place as the climax in the last act is too interesting and exciting for such as that, and in the club it would be entirel yout of the question. What we want is to get away from so much Negroism, and do a little more legitimate work. Form new ideas and get away from the old-time worn rut, and it will only be a short time until we will be in demand in drama. Yours for the cause,

A. LINCOLN HARRIS.

AMONG PLAYER-FOLK AND MUSICIANS IN WASHINGTON.

By "Artie."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.

S. H. Dudley's New Smart Set has just closed two record-breaking weeks, playing to big houses at every performance and shedding rays of sunshine upon the box office and the patrons alike. Mr. Dudley himself was in better health than he had been for a number of seasons and his new play, "Dr. Beans From Boston," afforded him the best opportunity he has ever had for the display of his peculiar ly original talents. Mr. Dudley as a comedian stands in a class alone. He imitates nobody and few can successfully imitate him. By methods purely natural he keeps his audience in a constant roar of laughter, and one sees at all times the rollicking, happy-go-lucky son of Ham that he meets every day, and there is scarcely a realization that he is in the presence of a skilled actor who knows how to artistically "hold the mirror up to nature." Mr. Dudley's work is clean and wholesome, and his show at no point finds it necessary to descend to suggestiveness to score a "hand." This year he is doing more work than usual. His part is a long one, and he is on the stage for a large part of the evening, keeping the fun going at a clip that never relaxes from start to finish. His dancing specialties with Miss Daisy Martin add greatly to the effectiveness of the production. Miss Martin, who, by the way, is new to Washington audiences, is a jewel, and has won a warm place in the affections of our people here. She is handsome, lively, reads and dresses her part to a nicety, and sings and dances with a vim that has nothing in common with "dull care." She reminds one of Lulu Glaser, "the vital spark," in her palmiest days. Miss Martin is a Philadelphia girl. It is the opinion of all who watched her conscientious work that she has a brilliant future before her.

Mr. Dudley's company is admirably balanced, and everybody is given a chance to show what he or she can do. Henry Troy, the silver-voiced "matinee idol," sang "Memories" in a way that makes it a strong rival of "Consolation" in popular favor, and his song to the girls "went big." Roley Gibson, leading the chorus of messenger boys, James Burris in the "straight," Miss Alberta Ormes as the fortune teller, Arthur Talbott as Mr. Lee, supplementing Mr. Dudley as "Gymnasium Butts" (Dr. Beans), and Miss Martin as "Susie Lee," together with a "gingery" chorus of men and women full of the Cohanesque spirit, gave a performance that has not been equalled in this neck-o'-the-woods. Will H. Vodery, a local favorite, led the orchestra in fine style, playing his own music and injecting into it a personal flavor that made it a hit with the whistlers of the town.

"Dr. Beans" left Sunday for Atlantic City for a week, to be followed by brief stays at Philadelphia and Newark, when it is expected that the show will go into New York City and close.

It is hinted that Mr. Dudley is ambitious to become a producing manager on even a larger scale than any other member of the profession has ever attempted, amplifying the efforts of Ernest Hogan, George Walker, Bob Cole, and other leading lights, and to do so may necessitate his retirement from actual stage work. If his proposed chain of Negro theaters materializes, in all probability a year or so will find Mr. Dudley at the head of a producing syndicate, controlling a myriad of the real stars of the Negro dramatic and musical world—a "Jack Haverley" in bronze.

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Manager A. J. Thomas is offering a "cracker jack" bill this week at the New Howard, returning to polite vaudeville, after a reign of musical comedy. The topliners are Mme. Cordelia McClain and Miss Pauline Crampton, the international operatic stars, who cleverly alternate comedy and prima donna roles. Mme. McClain is the wife of the famous "Billy" McClain, and has appeared with great success in England, France, Russia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii, besides scoring with various big shows in this country, notably "The South Before the War." She is an Indianapolis girl and the Hoosier colony here have given her the "glad hand." Miss Crampton has added many friends to her already long list by her genial manners and engaging personality. Others on the "all-star" bill are: Luke and Ethelyn Scott, the "dainty duo"; Billy and Grace Arnte, comedy artists; Martin and Motley, in a neat sketch; Prof. Williams, acrobat and equilibrist; Claude Winfrey, impersonator, aided and abetted by Prof. Lawrence Caldwell's nonpareil orchestra and superb photo plays.

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Mr. R. G. Doggett, an enterprising young manager, presented a strong musical combination at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church on the 12th, but "played to hard luck," as it were, owing to the inclement weather and numerous counter attractions. His attractions included Miss Jessie Estelle Muse, the coloratura soprano, from the Yale Conservatory of Music; Miss Helen Eugenia Hagan, brilliant concert pianist, also from the Yale Conservatory; and Mr. Roland W. Hayes, Boston's dramatic tenor. Supplementing these were Mrs. Gabrielle Lewis Pelham, the pianist and accompanist, and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the acknowledged "queen of the platform." Mr. Doggett may repeat this fine concert at an early date. He is negotiating with Mme. Anita Patti Brown and Mme. E. Azalia Hackley for appearances here next season.

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Prof. J. Henry Lewis and his Amphion Glee Club have an operatic production in course of preparation.

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Prof. Elzie Hoffman has reorganized his famous band and a star concert is "on the cards."

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Mr. Joseph H. Douglass, leader of the orchestra at Howard University, is to begin a long tour of the South at the close of the school year at the university.

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Frank Montgomery and Miss Florence McClain are at the Foraker this week. Mr. Montgomery has handled his Dixie players with gratifying success, despite many difficulties, and the loyalty displayed by them indicates a strong capacity for management and fair play on the part of Mr. Montgomery. He stands for a square deal for everybody and takes "pot-luck" if need be, with his colleagues. Mr. Montgomery ranks well with the Bert Williams type of droll comedians and is a producer of marked originality. His wife (Miss McClain) is a valuable assistant and possesses wonderful versatility as a vocalist, danseuse and comedienne. She is styled by her friends as the "Dresden china comedienne," because of her daintiness of method. The Dixie Players expect to reunite in Philadelphia at the conclusion of local engagements.

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The Howard College Dramatic Club presented the classic German comedy, "For One Night Only," at the Howard theater Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. The proceeds went to the gymnasium fund of Howard University.

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Those "ginger girls," Effie King and Lottie Gee, are booked for an extended engagement at Kearney's "Fairyland."

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Manager H. W. Smith, of the "Blue Mouse," has been on the sick list.

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Frank and Bessie Brown now in New York City, and preparing a classy musical sketch, and will go on "big time" with it.

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"Black Patti" is to have a new play next season. The ground work is to be laid by Will Cooke, who is developing into a skillful playwright.

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The Amphion Glee Club and over a hundred friends enjoyed a saturnalia of fun at the club's masquerade carnival Monday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. The Amphions have their first "moonlight" down the river underlined for June 22.

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Will H. Vodery, the popular musical director of "The Smart Set," will spend the month of June in the city.

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Miss Minnie Brown, of the "Ten Dark Knights," and Miss Carita Day are headed this way.

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Theodore Pankey, the well-known vocalist and character artist, circulated among Washington friends last week. He has some big surprises for the "boys," to be sprung soon. Mr. Pankey is one of the best informed men in the profession, and has the full history of the stage at his tongue's end, both from the Negro and the Caucasian standpoint. He is personally acquainted with all of the great actors of the day, and is a critic of no mean ability. It is stated that Mr. Pankey is the originator of the idea to give the Walker-Hogan-Cole theater the triplicate name it bears, zealous to do honor to the three managers he thinks have done the most to promote the welfare of the Negro thespian. Mr. Pankey's wife is the songbird, Anna Cook Pankey, and they constitute one of the most cultured teams on the road.

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S. H. Dudley has leased the Minnehaha theater on U street, and plans to make it the most up-to-date moving picture and vaudeville house of its size in the city. He has signed as manager, Mr. Lew W. Henry, who has served with great success as stage manager at the Howard since it opened, nearly two years ago.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

I am loath to say this, but before all of The Freeman readers will have read this our show will conclude the season of 1911-12 and our many members will be scattered to the four winds, some never to be seen again in the roster of the R.-P. show; some to vaudeville; some to circuses, and some home, while others—poor, unfortunate devils—have no homes to go to except those beaneries, where a nickel makes us all equal. Such is the life of a minstrel, but a minstrel is a minstrel "for a' that." We have been going three years without a halt, and the four months we rest is well earned by most of us.

The different rialtos will be decorated as follows: Clarence Powell, to New York; Fred W. Simpson, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Alonzo Williams, Sylvester Williams, Indianapolis; George Day (Ham Kicker), Jakey Smith, J. A. Watts, Eb. Straughter, Jack Johnson, Tom White, Billy Watts, Charles A. Burton, William Brown will be doffing their hats to the beaux and belles of good old State street; David Darling Smith, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Tom Edwards, Birmingham, Ala.; Abe Dright, Buxton, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Mayor Daniels will do Chautauqua work; Piccolo Jones, alone in Kansas City, Mo.; George Williams, bandmaster, with carnival; Whiten Viney to Cleveland; Johnny Haywood to Raleigh, N. C.; Frank Anderson to Canada; Walter Lee, cornet, with carnival; Fred Richardson, St. Louis, and each of us have pledged ourselves to Powell to get a Freeman every week no matter what the cost may be, and also from time to time put little notices in The Freeman (our official organ) to let each other know what we are doing and incidentally who we are "doing." So goodbye, Freeman, until next season, when I shall grasp your hand again and make you a welcome weekly visitor.

CLARENCE POWELL.

NOTES FROM PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS.

We are still in the fertile State of North Carilina, standing them up nightly. Never in our history have we witnessed a scene such as we did in New Bern last Wednesday night. So eager was the crowd to gain admission that they took the professor off the ticket stand, and to accommodate the crowd we had to use three ticket-sellers on the outside. Every nook of the large canvas was taken and several who were unable to gain admission were compelled to return to their homes until a later date.

The Williams team—Mancy and Fannie—are adding new laurels to their act by using a new and original sketch from their own hands.

Miss Susie Cooksey, nee Price, is making the hit of her stage career singing "That Harmony" and that beautiful ballad, "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River," illustrated.

Mr. Happy Lewis, better known as the Traveling Man, stopped over at New Bern the other day to call on some of his special friends. Has caught up with the show again and is using his wits and funny sayings.

Clifton Boyd, the boy wonder, is leaving an impression everywhere we go that he is the best contortionist now in the business. His bending enables him to be called the boneless wonder of the 20th century. He sends best regards to all in the profession. Master Boyd is an understudy for Silas Green. Look to hear from soon.

In order that we may live more homelike on our private car and becaue we have to travel on Sundays and not get in town early enough for services of the Lord, Prof. Williams has inaugurated a special service on board the "Rhoda" every Sunday between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. Mr. Wm. A. Barnard, our leading straight man, has crarge of these services. Our people get much benefit as well as pleasure out of these services.

Miss Bessie Edgington, the little girl with the educated feet, is leaving the audiences yelling nightly. Managers who see her work are trying to get busy.

Mr. Jerry Martin, our electrician and trombone player, is the happiest man on the car. He won the troubadour prize last week, singing an Irish dialect. He would like to hear from friends.

LOWERY-MORGAN MINSTRELS.

By Winton Williams.

During the absence of our band leader, Mr. P. G. Lowery, Mr. Fred Garland, better known as Cat, has had charge of the band, and it has been doing well.

P. G., you had better watch Roy. He is coming. Our band and orchestra has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. Wilson, of Pittsburgh.

Our next event of note will be the wedding of little Hattie Harden and little Roy Burgin. Poor Boy Dady Kitchen will give the little bride away. John Dennis, our clever monologue artist, will be best man. Now, there is some weeping to be done. Who will do it? I hear a voice—Junk. Now, the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" coming forth from that ever-faithful bow of that master violinist, Paul Halyard. Reception committee—Mrs. Hattie Garland, Robert Martin, Miss Lucy Love, Robert Ford and Allie Young.

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At French Lick, Ind., the Plutos defeated the West Baden Sprudels again on April 25, 7 to 2, making it four straight and twelve out of eighteen games played. The batteries were Lynch and Tenny for Plutos and Ben Taylor, John Taylor and McMurry for the Sprudels. Umpire, Booker.

At Paris the Dixie Kid, the colored welterweight champion, on April 25 knocked out the Frenchman, Bernard, in the tenth round. Bernard was sent to the floor with a straight right to the stomach and was carried unconscious from the ring. In his dressing room he was revived with some difficulty.

Kid Lowery, colored, speaks well of Milburn Saylor. He says: "For about five months I have worked for him and learned all I know of the game of him. I think he is the greatest little fighter that ever answered the call. I am now matched to fight Jack Brooks, and have a fight in St. Louis on May 14." He wants all of the colored people to think well of Mr. Saylor.

The Cleveland Ohio, syndicate has completed its club for the 1912 campaign. Players and officers have been chosen as follows: E. E. Shaw, president; E. D. Doctor, vice-tary; Wm. Brock, treasurer; 7890$.. .. president; W. M. Vandusan, secretary; Wm. Brock, treasurer; M. G. Morgan, manager; players: A. Barks, ss; O. N. Poston, 1b; Frank Anders, lf; W. Taylor, cf; Sims, 3b; Finnie, C. White, Mitchell and Holliday, pitchers; H. Finnie, captain, office and club rooms, Z Club, 3033 Central avenue, Cleveland, O. Open for dates with leading clubs. All games played in the American League park in absence of the Cleveland Club. The leading teams get busy for games with the Syndicates. All correspondence should be addressed to J. C. Morgan.

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BASEBALL AT EVANSVILLE, IND.

The baseball season opened at League Park between the Memphis Tigers and Evansville Maroons. Three games were played Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 24, 25 and 26.

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The Heilman Stars, the champion colored baseball team of Indiana, crossed bats with the Hercules Cubs last Sunday, and fanned them out. Manager John Driver, of the Stars, is playing fast ball.

EVERGREEN, ALA.

Miss Letitia Crow, of Pensacola Normal Institute, is visiting Mrs. G. W. Lewis....Mrs. Carrie Lorgmire is visiting her sister in Montgomery, Ala.... J. I. Williams is on the sick list.

BASEBALL AT DALLAS, TEX.

The games at Gaston Park last Sunday and Monday were largely attended. The weather was just right, and hundreds turned out to see Dallas drub Ft. Worth by a close margin. Big Hands, Cat Jones, Nicholson, Williams, Swancy, Brown, Bryant, Cleveland, Haynes, and Dad Yoakum is the new offering for your consideration, fans. Messrs. Billups and Tennerson, owners of the Black Giants, of Dallas, scalped the Wonders. The score was 4 to 3.

BROOKLYN ROYAL GIANTS.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Kindly allow space in your paper for the following: We, the Brooklyn Royal Giants, are now at New Orleans, La., playing a series with New Orleans. There is much enthusiasm, owing to the result of games played. The standing is even, we having won and lost two games. Geo. Robertson, the young slab artits and otherwise good all-around player, hurled five innings, indicating that he will be there when the weather breaks good. Just rounding to form, he would not extend himself. The fans were somewhat chagrined at Robertson for not pitching in midseason form, but they must have patience, for if any one does something this season, he, too, will be there. I can see with one eye that he will lace some of hi sterrific drives for which he is famous. Dr. White and Rob became fast friends during the Cleveland American League team's stay at New Orleans.

I had a chat with him, but he would not talk baseball. From what he spoke evasively I conclude that we have players that say little and play much ball.

I also noticed that Jess Pryor, that genial chap, has an inseparable fondness for Robertson. Let his friends read The Freeman and feel proud of him. Though he has not decided where he will go this season, I know his offers will be many, and, like a wise fellow, he will accept the best one. SUBSCRIBER.

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CAUGHT ON A FLY.

By Mrs. H. Turner Wilson.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Falls City Giants have their hats in the ring.

The Tigers were full of confidence, Saturday night, when they departed for St. Louis at 10:30. They have two more games there. They played Monday and Tuesday, after winning Sunday's game, 3 to 1.

New faces on the Cubs' pay roll. Keep your eye on George S., boys.

Things look promising for a four or six-team Falls City league. You magnates get busy.

The tin can will be tied to the "can't come backs" and "also rans" at an early date.

The club owners of our city are on friendly terms. Keep it up. Baseball is a swell business if conducted on proper scale.

Nap Thompson, of Chattanooga, gumshoed it into town Sunday night, and will play second base for the Tigers. Keep your eye on Nap. He is from the Sunny South, and can also pitch some.

"Foxy Bob" Sanford will have his team across the river into Jeffersonville, Ind., Sunday.

JACK JOHNSON IN PITTSBURG.

Got a Temporary Knockout—Automobile Struck by Auto Truck. Bruised the Champ—Smashed up His $2,500 Machine—Canceled Exhibition Date. Unexpected White Hope Gets Away. Comment by Various Writers.

If Jack Johnson remains firm in his determination to retire from the prize ring after next Labor day, the heavyweight situation will become as complex as the middleweight division. The champion will be 34½ years old on September 2, and he thinks he has reached the zenith of his career and that his star is waning. He has seen champions come and go, and has asserted that he will not stay in the game long enough to be beaten into submission by some youthful fighter.

Johnson is a determined man. If he makes up his mind to do a thing, he does it, and nothing can change him. The champion made known his intention to retire from the roped arena in the presence of Tom O'Rourke, the New York fight promoter; Al Palzer, the Eastern "hope," and Tom Quill, the man who is handling the moving pictures for the proposed Johnson-Flynn contest. When the champion made the statement O'Rourke laughed at him and said he was like all champions who retire and then try to come back.

The Negro retorted he would wager $30,000 that he would not fight after Labor day. Despite Jack's retirement talk, O'Rourke thinks the lure of the goid will bring Johnson back into the game any time a suitable purse is offered.

Before he retires Johnson is willing to give all the "hopes" a whack at his title. All he wants is five or six weeks to get in shape, and then he will take on all of them a week apart, and doesn't care who they are.

Although Flynn apppears the best of the "hopes," the prevailing opinion is that the Pueblo fighter is too small for the giant Negro. Flynn will not weigh more than 195 pounds when he fights. Johnson will go into the ring around the 230 pound notch. Not alone will Flynn be handicapped in weight, but his height and reach will lessen his chances. Flynn undoubtedly will try to bore into Johnson all the time and play for the body, but he will have to master a defense for Johnson's wicked uppercuts.

Johnson has expressed a willingness to meet any of the "hopes" before he retires, and if the promoters think well enough of the many aspirants for the heavyweight crown, they cannot sign articles with the champion any too soon. Johnson is willing to box if he is offered the price, and the only way he can be beaten is to have him fight some one.

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The real white hope has been found, and he lives right in Pittsburg. Without any advance boosting by press agents, without asking any club to hang up a purse, without previous training, and without any squabbling over a referee, this Pittsburg W. H. simply came along and knocked out Champion Jack Johnson in one brief round.

Last night Mr. Johnson, leaning back in an easy chair at his hotel, frankly admitted that for the first time in numerous years he was down and out physically.

"I don't happen to know the name of the gentleman who handed me the knockout," said Johnson, grinning in spite of his pain, "but he actually did it and did it well."

Now don't get excited; Johnson wasn't given his quietus in a fight, but he got it just the same, and for some time to come will not be able to participate even in boxing exhibitions,—that is, if he obeys the orders given by Police Surgeon Daniel E. Sable.

JJohnson, who has been appearing in a local theater this week, started out yesterday to enjoy an automobile ride. He was accompanied by his valet—yes, Jack has his "man," all right, all right. The machine, in charge of an experienced chauffeur, was proceeding slowly down Wylie avenue—Jack just couldn't keep off that thoroughfare—and there was a large and highly interested outpouring of darkness which filled the sidewalks and many windows.

Near Townsend street an auto truck, strangely enough laden with cases of damp joy-producing stuff, came upon the scene. It also came upon the auto in which was riding the world's fistic champion. It was in charge of a white driver, a man who had never, so it is said, made boasts that he was the one real and genuine white hope, with his name blown in the bottle; but he was, even if he didn't know it, for he so directed his motor truck blow that Champion Jack and his valet—Jack calls him "valley," which, of course, is not at all correct—were put down for the count of ten.

Detective George Cole, a great admirer of the champ, chanced to be in the vicinity at the time, and he had Johnson and his "valley" removed to a near-by hotel.

Police Surgeon Sable was summoned, and after dressing the few slight scratches appearing on the surface, sent Johnson and his man to the hotel at which they have been stopping. Later Dr. Sable called and made a more careful examination of the champion's injuries. He found that Jack had been quite seriously hurt, that the muscles in his back and shoulders were decidedly out of whack. Absolute rest was the order. Jack said he would obey. Then, getting into communication with his manager, he canceled his engagement at the local show shop—won't box another rap this week.

"It is barely possible that Johnson's injuries may prove his undoing as a fighter," said Dr. Sable last night. "His back has been badly wrenched and I have advised him not to even attempt to take part in a bluff sparring exhibition for some time to come."

The white hope who handed all this to Johnson has not called to claim the purse and his name is not known. The machine in which Jack was riding was badly damaged.

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PITTSBURG, April 26.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, has retained Attorney David Ralph Tannehill to file action against the owner of an auto truck which struck his automobile here last Wednesday, smashing the machine and so injuring the champion that he may cancel his contract to fight Flynn on July 4. Johnson's car cost $2,500, and he will claim that amount, besides damages for personal injuries.

"Rotten," was Johnson's erpression at Sutton's Hotel, when asked how he felt. "I can't raise my right arm. On the doctor's advice I have canceled my engagement to appear here the rest of this week and the engagement for the entire company at Baltimore next week."

Johnson's spine, right shoulder and the muscles of the right side of his back were injured. "What effect this is going to have on the July 4 fight I don't know," said Johnson. "Unless I get to feeling right soon I shall seriously consider calling the thing off. If the doctor says I mustn't take the chances on training work within the next few weeks there's nothing else to do."

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PITTSBURG, Pa., April 24.—Jack Johnson, champion pugilist, was injured severely, it is believed, here late to-day, when a large automobile truck ran into the rear of his machine. The champion had several tendons in his back sprained, while his clothes were torn and he was covered with mud. Johnson's valet was slightly hurt.

Johnson was proceeding down Wylie avenue in his machine, having left his hotel but a few moments. The automobile truck, belonging to a wholesale liquor firm, followed. Without warning the big truck collided with Johnson's automobile. Johnson was assisted to a nearby hotel and given medical attention by a police surgeon.

Johnson, on the advice of a physician, has canceled his engagements for two weeks, in which time his injuries are expected to heal.

DR. SHEPARD'S ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

Noted Speakers to Participate in Graduating Exercises of National Religious Training School, May 15 to 23—Dr. Parkhurst, Assistant Attorney General Lewis and Dr. Steckell.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

DURHAM, N. C., May 1.—Dr. J. E. Shepard has issued invitations to friends all over the country to attend the annual commencement exercises of the National Religious Training School, which begin May 15 and close May 23. Noted speakers will participate and the entire program is to be of the highest order of excellence. A large attendance is expected and arrangements are being made to accommodate the throng which invariably comes to Durham to witness this extraordinary event each year.

The program in detail is as follows:

May 15—Closing prayer an dtestimony meeting, 8 p. m.

May 16—Literary contest by young ladies, 8 p. m.

May 17—Oratorical contest by the young men, 8 p. m.

May 19—Annual sermon, 3:30 p. m., Rev. C. E. Maddry, pastor Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, N. C.

May 19—Address to undergraduates, 8 p. m., Dr. James E. Shepard, principal of National Religious Training School.

May 20—Annual musicale, 8 p. m.

May 21—Address before the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., secen missionary societies, 8 p. m., Rev. W. E. Steckell, pastor Doyleston Presbyteriau church, Doyleston, Pa.

May 22—Class Day and tree planting, 3 p. m.

May 22—Address before the literary societies, Hon. W. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, Washington, D. C., 8 p. m.

May 23—Commencement exercises, 10:30 a. m. Commencement address by Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., pastor Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City.

Dr. Shepard is now on a long western tour, reaching the Pacific coast. He has spoken to large audiences in Chicago, Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and other points. He will return to Durham early in May to receive President Taft, who comes to speak to the N. R. T. S.'s faculty and student body about that time. This will be a red-letter event in the history of this celebrated institution.

THE "AX-MAN" GETTING IN HIS DEADLY WORK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SAN ANTONIA, Tex.—The colored people of this city and of Texas are much disturbed at present over what is known as the "ax-man." With inhuman fiendishness colored families over this State are being murdered in the stillness of the midnight hours, and in every instance so far recorded an ax or such imprement is the weapon used. In this city a family of five was destroyed, and in other Texas towns, including Beaumont, Hempstead and Glidden, the same outrages have been committed. Also in Louisiana similar crimes are recorded.

Newspaper correspondents have named the murderers as members of some religious sect called by them the "Church of Sacrifice," but as nothing definite is known, this name is but the creation of writers. It has been noticed that in more than one instance light complected Negroes have been murdered, and, with the insidious power of suggestion, the white press is directing the attention of the public to the fact that the dreadful crimes are probably directed at miscegenation. Negroes of light color are beginning to become alarmed, fearing that some irresponsible persons may see in the present state of excitement an opportunity to avenge imaginary personal wrongs and escape unpunished. In Louisiana a confession has been obtained from a girl who claimed that she was a member of some section who was responsible for the killings, but the authorities seem not to believe her. While it is possible more effort is being made than is apparent, it looks as though but little attention has been given to locating the person or persons guilty of the foul murders.

Additional excitement has been aroused because of the appearance in all portions of the State of a chain of endless prayers. Persons receiving same have announced in their excited condition that the prayer was a message from the axman, and all over the State the people are terribly frightened. In this city it is reported that a prominent physician nightly hires guards to protect his home. In other towns portions of families stay awake, while others sleep, and the white people seem to take the whole matter as a great joke on the colored people. Several persons have been injured or killed by being mistaken for the mysterious axman. A representative of the Chisolm News Service has received and has read numerous copies of the prayers, and they all are substantially as follows:

"Our Ancient Prayer. Oh, Lord Jesus, I implore Thee to bless all mankind and keep us from all evil and take us to dwell with Thee. This prayer was sent to me and is to be sent all over the world. Copy it and see what will happen. It was said in Jesus' time all who wrote this prayer would be delivered from all calamities, and all who passed it by would meet with misfortunes. Those who copy it in nine days, sending a copy each day to nine different friends, for nine days, will receive great joy. Do not break the chain. Sign no name, only date (Dec. 28)."

It can easily be seen that the prayer has absolutely no connection with the crimes being committed.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Milton Luke, on his way home on last Thursday night at 11 o'clock, was held up on North Elgin street by two white men, who shot and killed him. He was buried Sunday evening, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. S. Johnson, at the A. M. E. Church....Mr. James Thompson is very sick....Rev. J. D. Hall, of Red Bird, preached Sunday night at the First Baptist Church. A good sized audience heard the sermon.... Rev. H. C. Caldwell succeeded in collecting $2,795 Sunday for the church.... Mrs. E O. Wood is doing well in her hair-dressing parlors....Mr. Clark Holdness is prepared to serve the best of cold drinks to his patrons this summer. His place is ideal for ladies and children.

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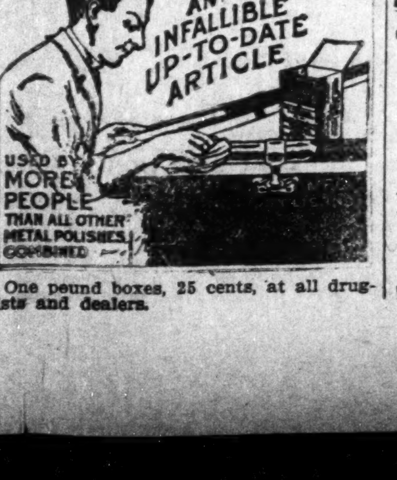

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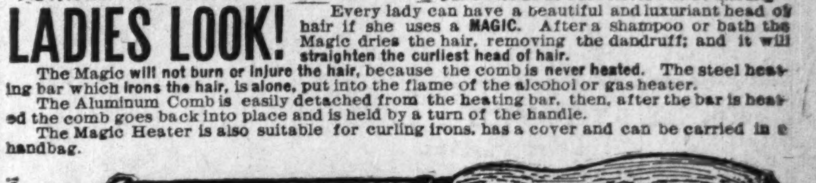

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CITY AND VICINITY.

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Miss Mary Neill, of Mobile, Ala., is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Maude Shelton joined her husband, Mr. Ruby Shelton, at Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. Samuel McCann is seriously ill at the Charity Hospital, Fifteenth and Missouri streets.

Miss Nellie Prentiss and Mrs. Edith White, of Detroit, Mich., spent Sunday in Shelbyville, Ind.

The Speedway Auto School has opened at 539 Indiana avenue. Mr. Wm. Carmichael is the manager.

Scott's Chapel was damaged by fire Wednesday morning to the extent of $400 or $500. It was insured.

Manager Goldstucker and his Pensacola Giants ball team are playing a series of games with the local team.

Rev. T. A. Smythe and wife have left the city for the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church at Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Elwood C. Knox is improving at the Charity Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation by Dr. Joseph H. Ward.

Madam McNairdee-Brice, who has been ill for the past four weeks, is on the road to recovery, and all will hear from her real soon.

Rev. Dr. Edward Gilliam passed through Indianapolis last Monday on his way to the General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn.

Gen. Geo. D. Wilkes and Col. Harry Wyatt, of the U. R., K. of P., will attend the annual services of the Knights of Pythias of Chicago, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Rape and William Clayborn will attend the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Clayborn is a lay delegate.

The Rev. Skelton has gone to Minneapolis as a delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church. Dr. Scott, of Louisville, has also gone as a lay delegate.

Mr. Fred Ervin, formerly connected with the Elite Cafe, Chicago, and well known among the profession, is in the city, en route from Hot Springs, Ark., to New York City. He is accompanied by his wife.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS.

Sunday school at 9:30. Everybody is invited to attend. Church services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Next Sunday, May 5, is our rally. Please let all that can do so, come out, and see what the campaigners are doing. While there, help them do, by contributing what you can or pledging something to a club or the church.

BUILD THE CHURCH.

The Second Baptist church congregation can get up its church if it will. True enough, the great roll of above a thousand members has been reduced to something above four hundred. If these four hundred have the right idea about what is before them they will be enough to overcome their difficulties.

The church is filled with workman of all kinds, brick masons, stone masons, carpenters, cement workers. Much material lies on the ground. The church has some money and great prospects. The thing to do is to enter the wedge and trust that the old Zion, ancient and honorable, will come back again.

Let the pastor and officers try it. Do something and stop the process of dry rot now going on, spiritually, and in the very lumber and bricks. The name of Moses Broyles and his institution, we take it, is not to perish without a severe struggle to maintain it.

If the church fails it will be owing to its members, and because they sit on the wheel. The community is ready to help and give something. Every moment's delay means destruction of confidence. Begin at once. The older white citizens of Indianapolis knew Moses Broyles; they will not fail. The Baptists of America will not stand for the uprooting of the time-honored institution. Commence the church.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday is expected to go down in the history of the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. as one of the "red-letter" days. Great preparations are being made and one of the largest audiences ever gathered under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. is expected to fill Tomlinson Hall to overflowing. A program unique in character and unlike anything ever held is being arranged in addition to the address of the afternoon, which will be given by Mr. A. H. Godard, the man who has so nobly led the forces in this community in bringing about the results that have been attained in the Y. M. C. A. work. All race loving and loyal citizens are asked to be present on this occasion. Men, women and children will be admitted, and every one who attends will go away conceding that the greatest meeting that was ever arranged has been held. The membership of the association will turn out in a body, and will march from their hall, corner West North and California streets, to Tomlinson Hall. Every member of the association is requested to meet at their rooms on Sunday at 2 o'clock, wearing their association colors of old gold and black. The Y. M. C. A. Band will head the procession.

All persons who have not paid their subscription to the building fund are requested to do so at once, in order that a sufficient amount of money can be in hand for the letting of the contracts. Friends of the association are urged to bring their payments to the Y. M. C. A. building, corner West North and California streets. A receipt will be given for the same and a duplicate receipt sent by Mr. H. C. Atkins, general treasurer. Let us rally at this time to meet our obligations and thus maintain our reputation in the community. It is the desire of the committee to let the contracts as soon as possible, and this can be done only when a sufficient amount of money is in hand to warrant them in doing so.

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PENSACOLA GIANTS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Play A. B. C.'s Saturday and Sunday at Northwestern Park.

The Pensacola Giants have defeated all the clubs they have played while on the road, and expect to tour Texas. They will leave Sunday night for French Lick, Ind. They will open up with the Louisville Cubs on May 12, 13 and 14; then to Evansville where they will play the fast Maroons of that city, and expect to cop two out of three from every club they meet. They have a fast bunch of youngsters. Goldstucker sends regards to Mr. Weaver, of the Kansas City Royals.

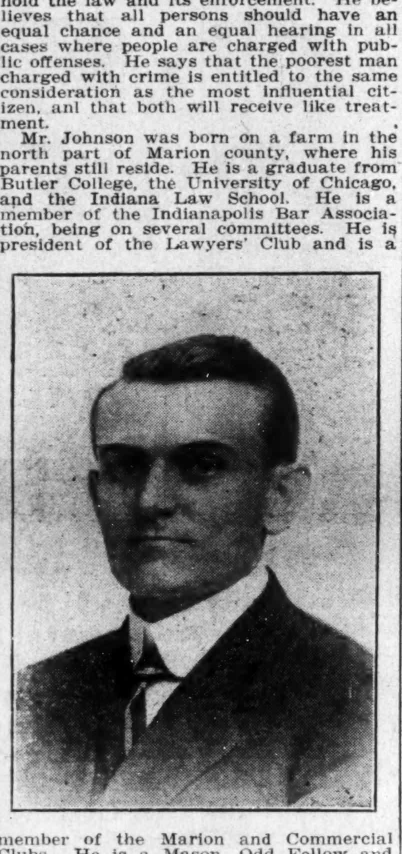
The line-up of the Pensacola Giants is: James Goldstucker, manager; Jack Griffin, captain; L. H. Oliver, catch and first base; Jim Patten, pitch; Joe Scotland, left field; Jack Griffin, center field; Henry Ward, first base; Sterman Jennings, second base; John Pough, third base; J. Cunningham, shortstop; H. Cunningham, catch; C. Pierce, pitch.

EMSLEY W. JOHNSON FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

Emsley W. Johnson, a prominent attorney of this city, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Prosecuting Attorney before the primary, which is to be held May 23.

Mr. Johnson, in his letters to the precinct workers, says he believes in the probation system, especially in first ogenses, where, it is believed, that leniency shown will help a man and at the same time uphold the law and its enforcement. He believes that all persons should have an equal chance and an equal hearing in all cases where people are charged with public offenses. He says that the poorest man charged with crime is entitled to the same consideration as the most influential citizen, anl that both will receive like treatment.

Mr. Johnson was born on a farm in the north part of Marion county, where his parents still reside. He is a graduate from Butler College, the University of Chicago, and the Indiana Law School. He is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, being on several committees. He is president of the Lawyers' Club and is a



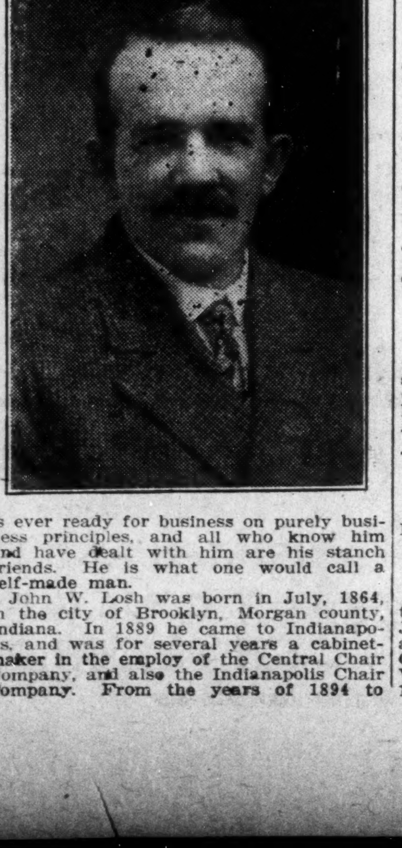
member of the Marion and Commercial Clubs. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Red Man. He has been practicing in this city for ten years and has one of the largest law practices. He has always taken an active interest in Republican affairs, but has never been mixed up in any factional matters. His friends are very strong in their belief that he will make an unusually strong candidate and a very efficient official.

Concerning his candidacy, Mr. Johnson says: "In asking for the Republican nomination for prosecuting attorney, I expect to appeal to all Republicans for their support. I will make a most aggressive and energetic campaign and will base my claims for support on the strict enforcement of the law with no favors for any one. I believe that, with ten years of practice in this city, people know me well enough to know that I would not ask for a nomination under any other conditions."

JOHN W. LOSH FOR SHERIFF.

John W. Losh, commercial traveler and local manager for the McCaskey Register Company, has entered the race for sheriff of Marion county, Indiana. Mr. Losh has been a lifelong Democrat and an earnest worker for the cause of his party, but has never held public office. He is, no doubt, well fittted for the office which he seeks, and would conduct the office of sheriff in the same manner with which he has always conducted other business affairs, which have been greatly to his credit.

Mr. Losh always wears one of those smiles "which never comes off." He is always true to his vocation and ever ready to help a friend in need. Mr. Losh



is ever ready for business on purely business principles, and all who know him and have dealt with him are his stanch friends. He is what one would call a self-made man.

John W. Losh was born in July, 1864, in the city of Brooklyn, Morgan county, Indiana. In 1889 he came to Indianapolis, and was for several years a cabinetmaker in the employ of the Central Chair Company, and also the Indianapolis Chair Company. From the years of 1894 to 1898 he was conductor on the Citizen's Street Railway Company's cars on the city lines. After his departure from that work Mr. Losh was for the next ten years in the real estate and general brokerage business, then located at 10 North Pennsylvania street, this city. In the year 1908 he formed connections with the McCaskey Register Company, of Alliance, O., as commercial traveler in the sale of the product of that company. He is still the local manager of this company, having his office at 48 North Delaware street, this city.

Mr. Losh is very much interested in the welfare of the city of Indianapolis, and is ever ready to place a helping hand for the upbuilding of the community. He is a born Hoosier. Mr. Losh is a member of the K. of P., also the order of Red Men, and other fraternal orders.

Mr. Losh's candidacy cannot fail to appeal to the Democratic voters on grounds of expediency and Jeffersonian qualifications.

A brother of Mr. Losh was an active union man and an organizer. He organized the Leather Workers and Harnessmakers, and other locals. John W. has not been engaged in a vocation which made him eligible to membership in a union, but he is friendly with union labor.

RECEPTION TENDERED REV. T. A. SMYTHE.

The reception given by the trustees, stewards and members of Bethel church for Rev. T. A. Smythe and his wife was quite a success. A splendid program was rendered, having several selections by the choir, with Mr. Robert Austin as director.

Mr. Wm. Clayborn, Mr. Geo. L. Knox, Mr. H. L. Sanders, Mr. H. C. Millikan and Miss Elizabeth Mays addressed the audience. Members on the committee of arrangements were J. M. Porter, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. H. L. Sanders. All had an enjoyable time.

Rev. Smythe has gone to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the general conference of his church. He is a candidate for bishop, having the African work in mind. His church and friends in Indianapolis wish him success.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. M. G. Washington has been on the sick list during the past week....Revival meeting at the First Baptist Church is in progress. The attendance is large, and the enthusiasm great....The treatment accorded our people last Saturday night on the occasion of ex-President Roosevelt's visit to the city showed, beyond question, the good feeling existing between the two races here. We were glad to see our people deport themselves in an orderly manner....Hon. J. E. Bush has been sick several days, but is reported much better at this writing....Mr. and Mrs. Birch, of New Orleans, are visiting relatives in the city....The State Baptist singing convention is in progress in Argenta this week. The sessions are being held at Shiloh Baptist Church....The Triangle Fraternity Class of Wesley M. E. Church is the talk of the city. The opening of the new classroom was held Monday night of this week. The class has an enrollment of over one hundred young men....Rose City Orchestra will give a golden lyre concert at the Arkansas Baptist College chapel on the night of May 1. A large attendance is expected....The games of baseball between the Argenta, Sharter and Philander Smith College teams are proving interesting. The Baptist college so far is in the lead....Commencement season will soon be on at the colleges.

VALDOSTA, GA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The ministers and deacons institute was held at Macedonia Baptist church last week with Dr. D. W. Cannon, of Atlanta, presiding. His lecture to the men last Sunday was excellent....Mr. Alfred Dockett has returned to the city after an extended trip....Mrs. John Purdie is ill at her home on South Lee street....Mr. Cohen White is suffering from a sprained ankle....Miss M. Lee Shelton is seriously ill....Quite a crowd attended the picnic at River Hill last Friday....Mr. Edward Cooper, of Rarien, Ga., is in the city with his cousin, Mr. M. G. Miller....Buy The Freeman at Docketts', 122 Ash street. W. F. Williams, agent, corner Magnolia and York, "The Daylight Corner."

SHELBYVILLE, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Nelson Hall entertained the Stewardess board at her residence on Grove Hill last Monday evening, April 29. Considering the bad weather a very nice crowd attended. Mrs. Mahalia Todd is president; Mrs. Sallie Gill, secretary; Miss Florence Hall, assistant secretary; Mrs. Effie Shipman treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Dowery, chaplain....Miss Ella Hulet Norris, the daughter of one of our highly esteemed and well known physicians, is ill at his residence on Clay street, but is improving....Mrs. Emma Johnson entertained the Stewardess board No. 1, at her residence on Clay street last Monday night, April 22, and considering the bad weather, a nice crowd was reported......The Independent Sons of Honor had their annual thanksgiving sermon preached last Sunday evening, April 28, at St. John's A. M. E. church. A large crowd attended. They realized the nice sum of $115.43, and wish to thank the good sisters and brothers of the different lodges of our city, and the general public that contributed in their favor, an dalso thank the Rev. Spillman for the splendid address he delivered. Mr. Henry Pleasant, president; Mr. Philips Taylor, vice-president; Mr. Clarence Essex, secretary; Mr. Robert Rigg, assistant secretary; Mr. John Weaver, chaplain.....The sacred concert given at Clay Street Baptist church was a success, each minister of the city was to sing a solo, and the one that sang the best solo received the bouquet. The bouquet was awarded to Rev. J. H. Able and Rev. Wm. Brown....Ruth Club No. 1, of Clay Street Baptist church, met with Mrs. Mary Hazel last Thursday night. A good crowd attended.....Mr. Chas. Oglesby is improving rapidly....Mrs. Leatha Magee and Mrs. Katie Newton spent Sunday in Louisville, Ky.....Mr. SCam Coward and Miss Nell Black and Mr. Willie Louis made a flying trip to our city Sunday to see his mother, Mrs. Susan Redder....Mrs. Mary Goodman is slowly improving....The Dorcus Club of Clay Street Baptist church met at the residence of Rev. Wm. Brown, on Clay street, between Tenth and Eleventh. This is the young converts' club and they are doing nice work..Sunday, April 28, Rev. Wm. Brown carried eight candidates to the water and baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost......Bethel Rising Star Club was entertained at the residence of Rev. J. H. Abel, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church, Thursday evening, April 25, by Mrs. Wilbur Brown, the president. A nice crowd was reported....Mrs. Susan Redden is able to be out after a few days' illness......Mr. Wm. Samuels is still on the sick list....Mrs. Eliza May Bennett is on the sick list....There will be a grand entertainment given at Pleasuresville May 4th. All are cordially invited to attend. Admission, 10 cents......The members of Clay Street Baptist church will have their spring rally on May 5th. All are cordially invited to attend....The members of Bethel A. M. E. church extend a cordial invitation to their friends to attend their rally on May 19....Mrs. Wm. Davis is visiting in Lexington....Mrs. Robert Rucker is out again after a few weeks' illness....Master James Smith Harshaw, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hershaw, is rapidly improving....Mr. DeSont is able to be out again.

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